

HE WAS SO  
YOUNG... ONLY  
20 ISSUES OLD!  
WAAHHH!!!



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# SONIC

## THE HEDGEHOG™



WE DEDICATE  
THIS STATUE TO SONIC...  
A TRUE HERO WHO  
SACRIFICED HIMSELF  
FOR FREEDOM!

I... I CAN'T  
BELIEVE  
HE'S REALLY  
GONE!

IN MEMORY OF  
**SONIC**  
THE HEDGEHOG

HAS DR. ROBOTNIK FINALLY  
BEATEN SONIC? FIND OUT IN  
THIS ISSUE'S STORY:  
**" THAT'S THE SPIRIT! "**

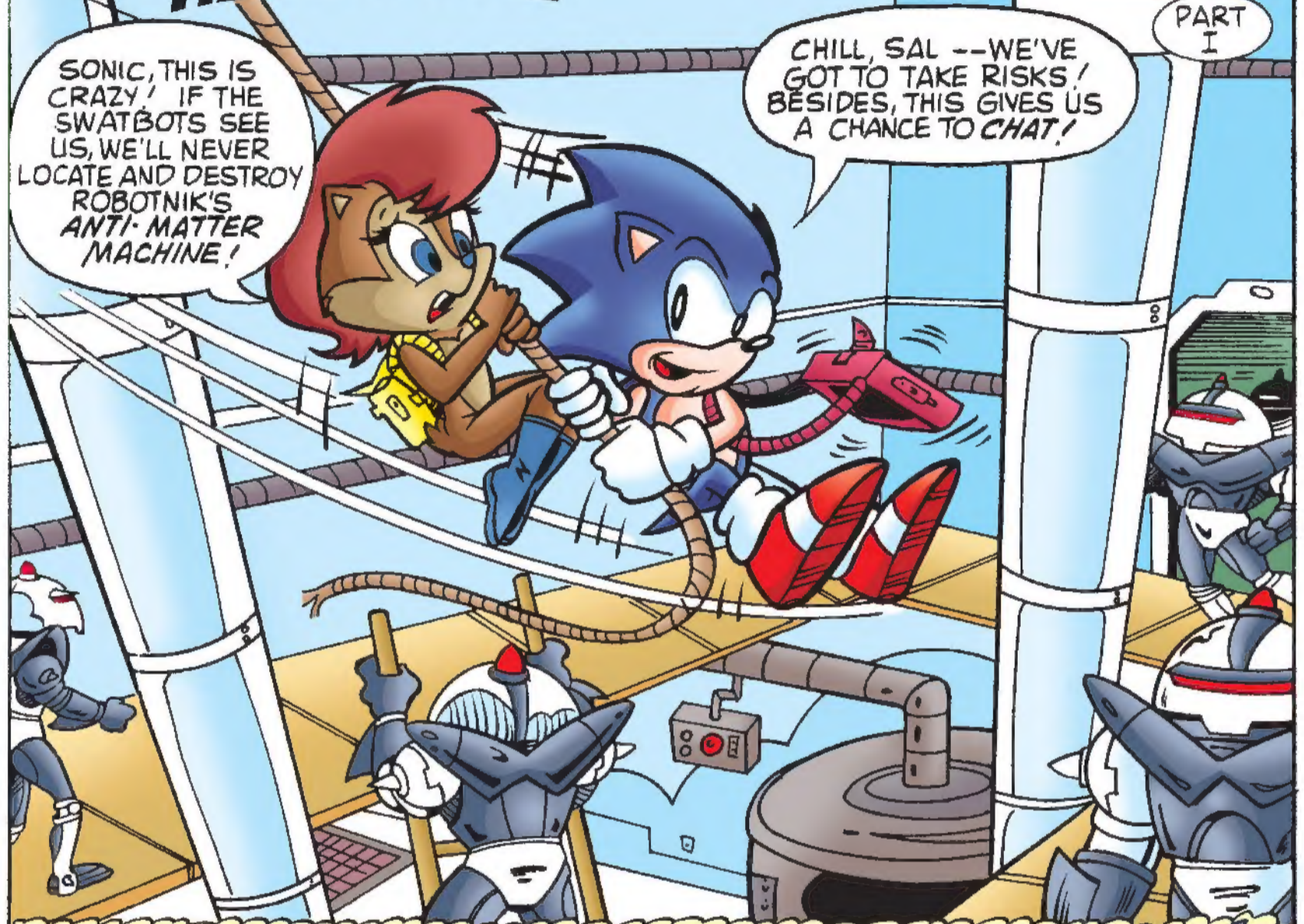
# SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

# IN "THAT'S THE SPIRIT!"

PART I

SONIC, THIS IS CRAZY! IF THE SWATBOTS SEE US, WE'LL NEVER LOCATE AND DESTROY ROBOTNIK'S ANTI-MATTER MACHINE!

CHILL, SAL -- WE'VE GOT TO TAKE RISKS! BESIDES, THIS GIVES US A CHANCE TO CHAT!

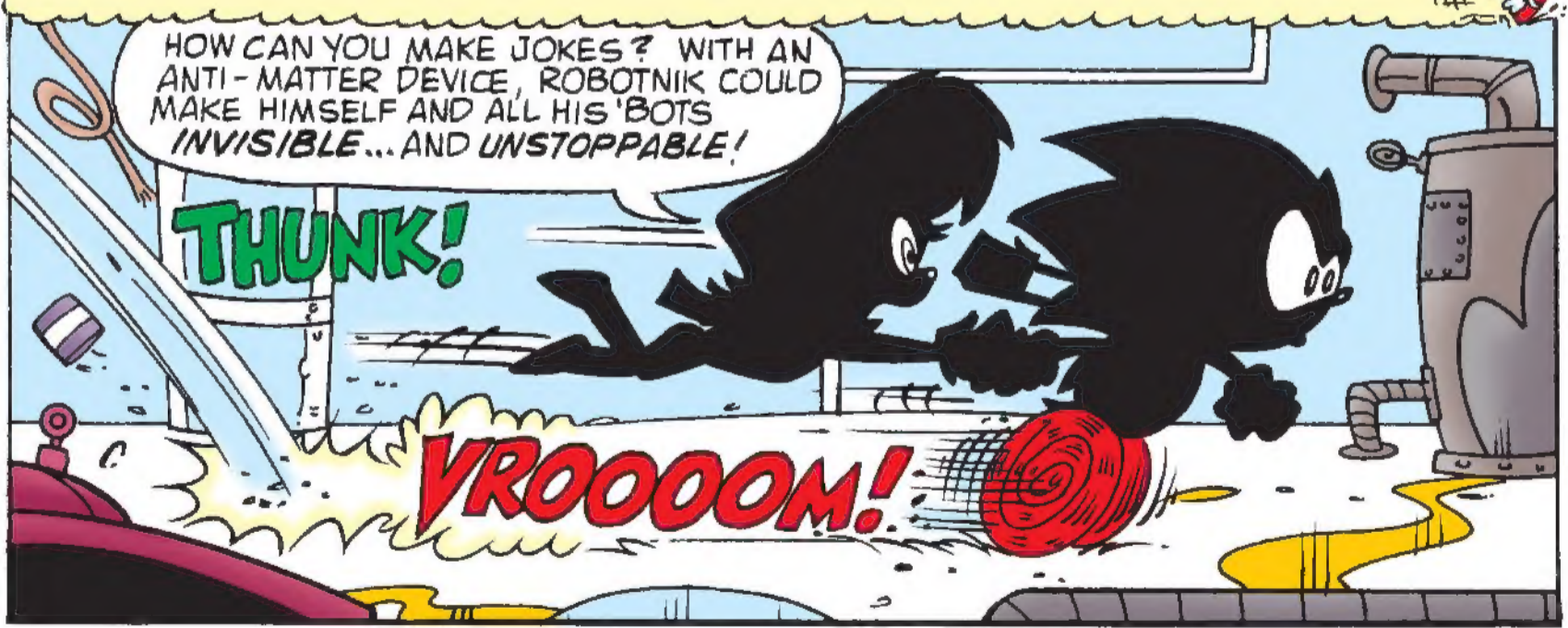


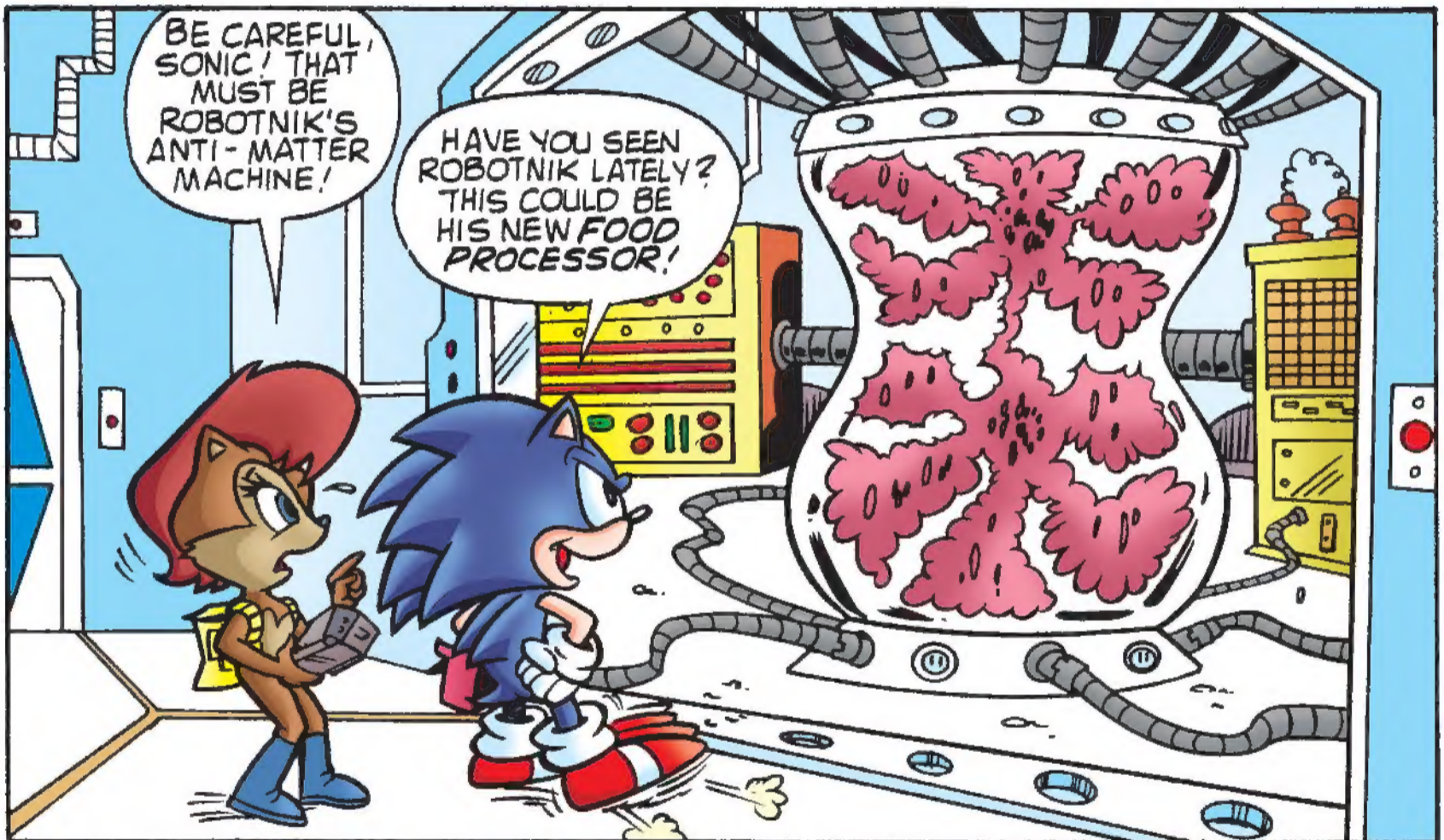
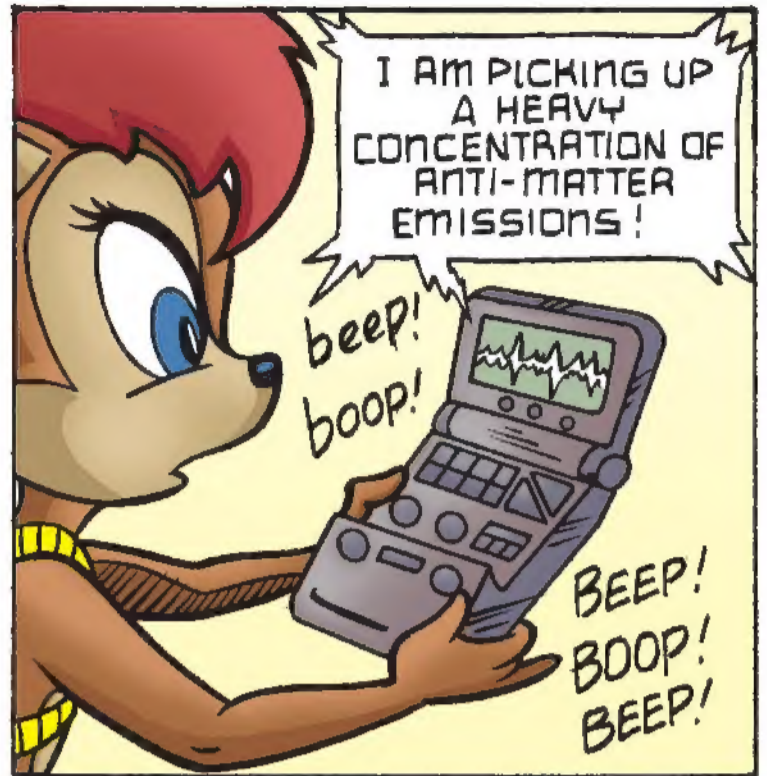
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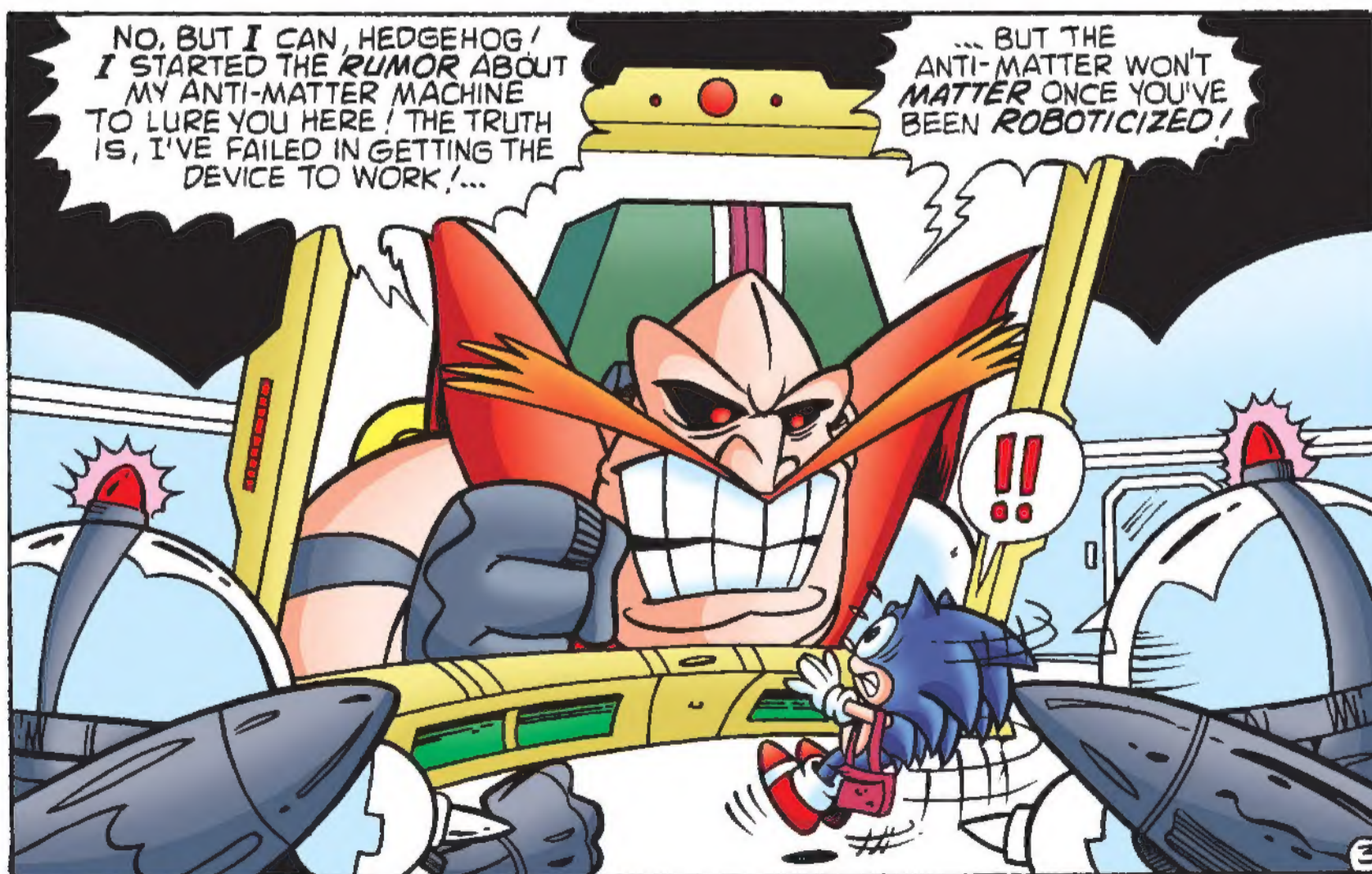
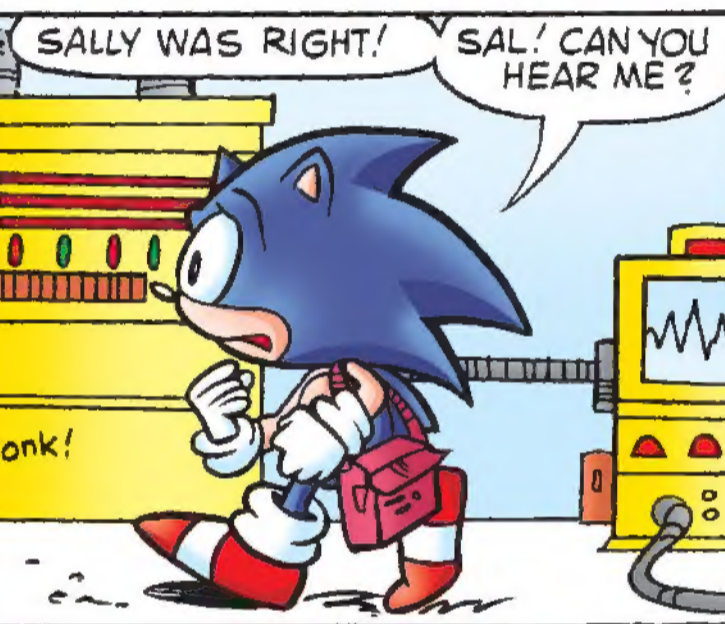
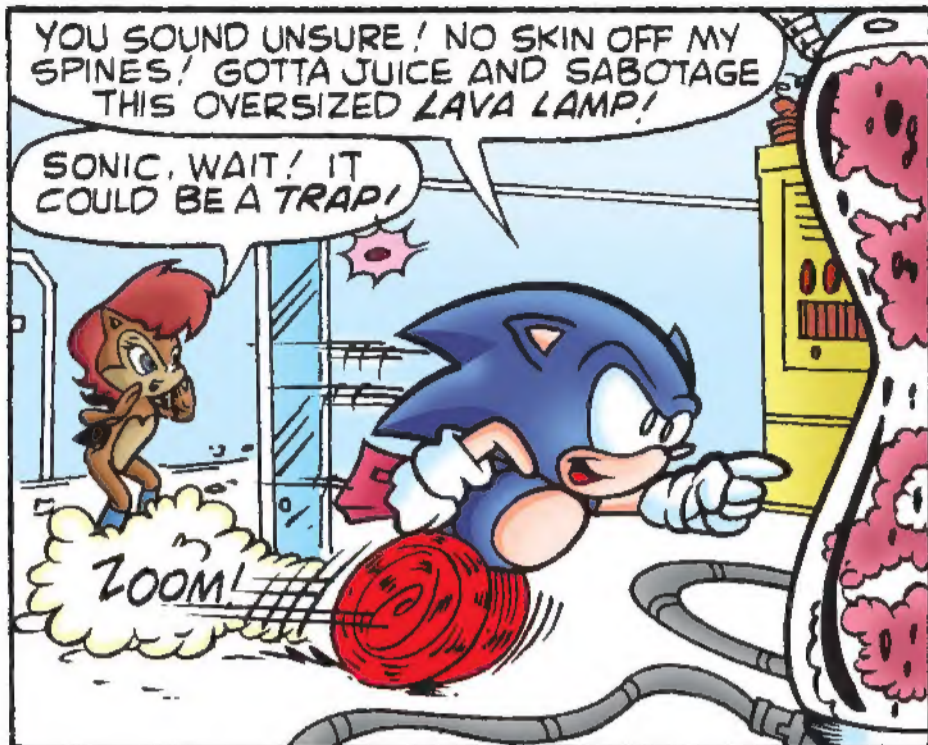
HOW CAN YOU MAKE JOKES? WITH AN ANTI-MATTER DEVICE, ROBOTNIK COULD MAKE HIMSELF AND ALL HIS 'BOTS INVISIBLE... AND UNSTOPPABLE!

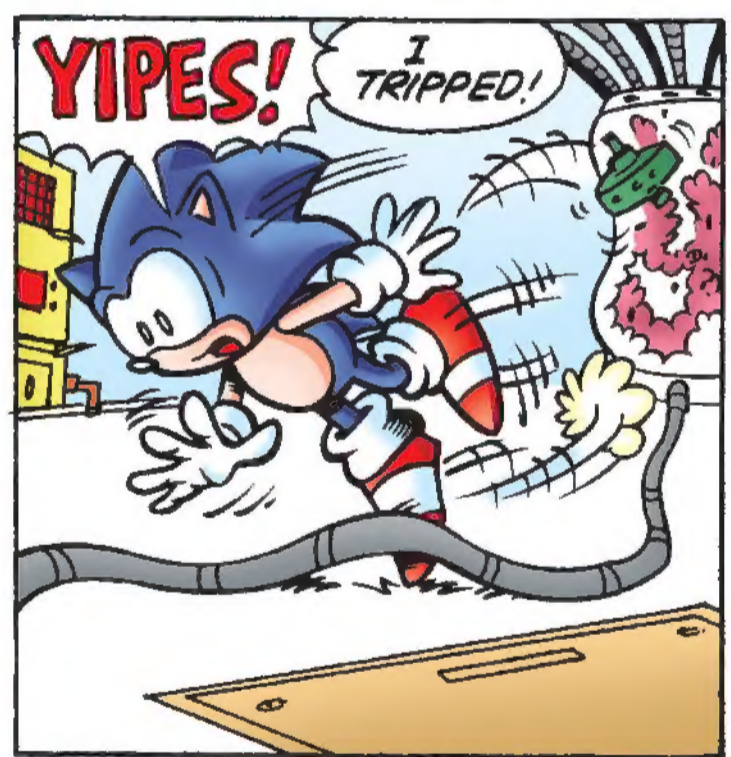
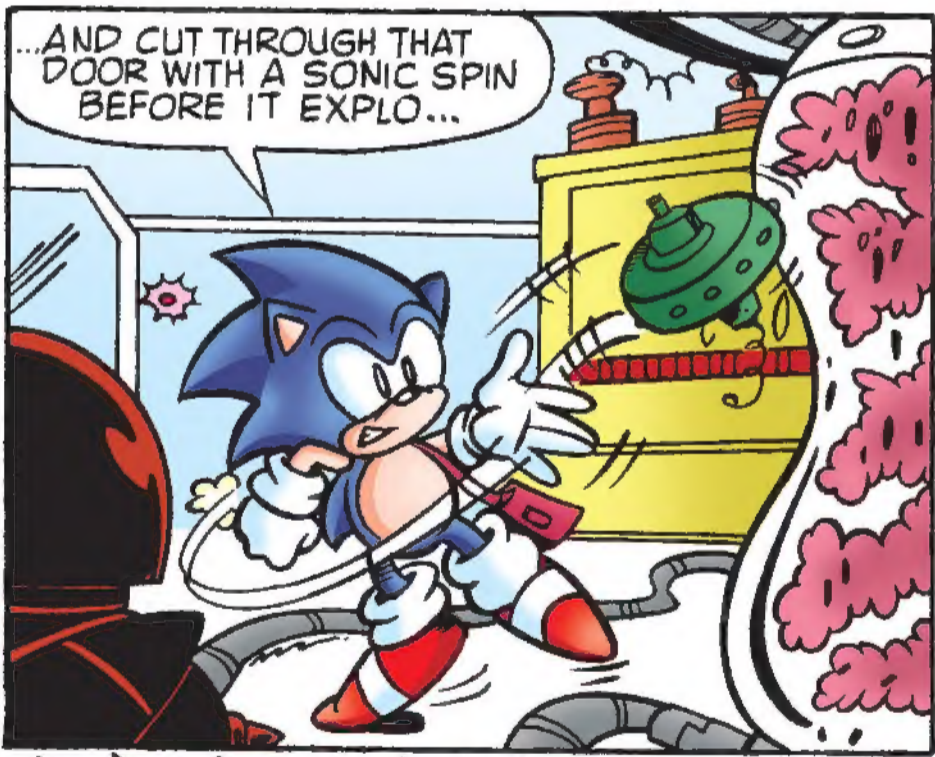
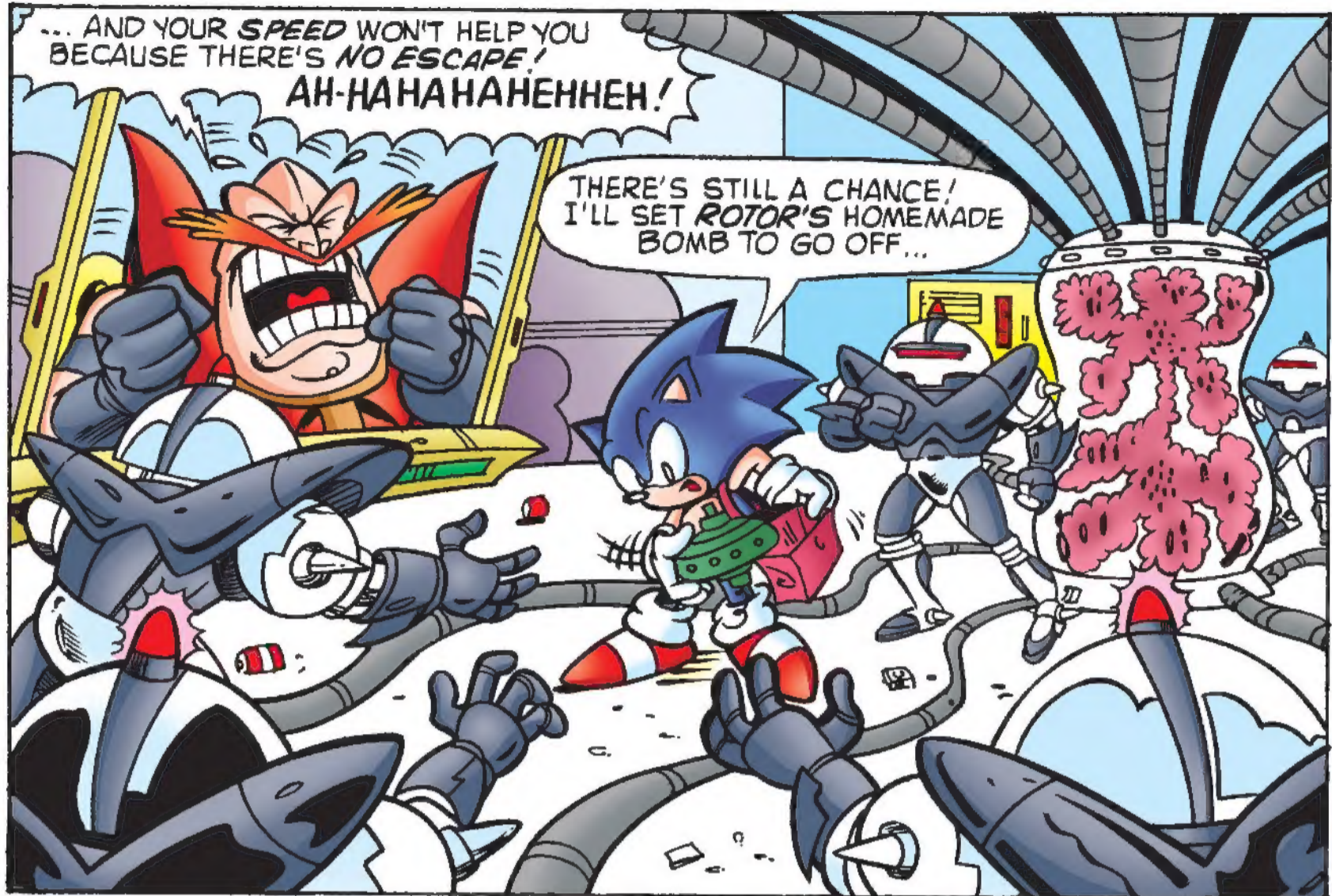
**THUNK!**

**VROOOOM!**

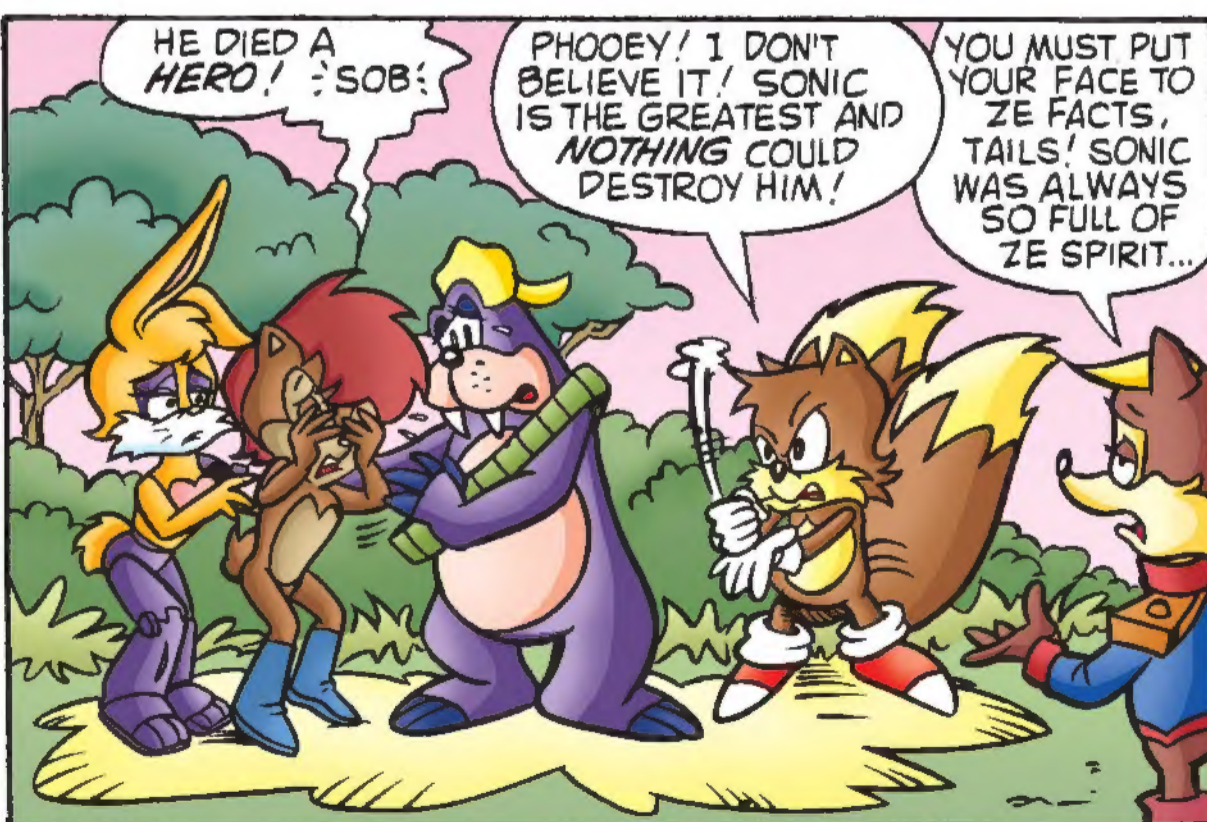
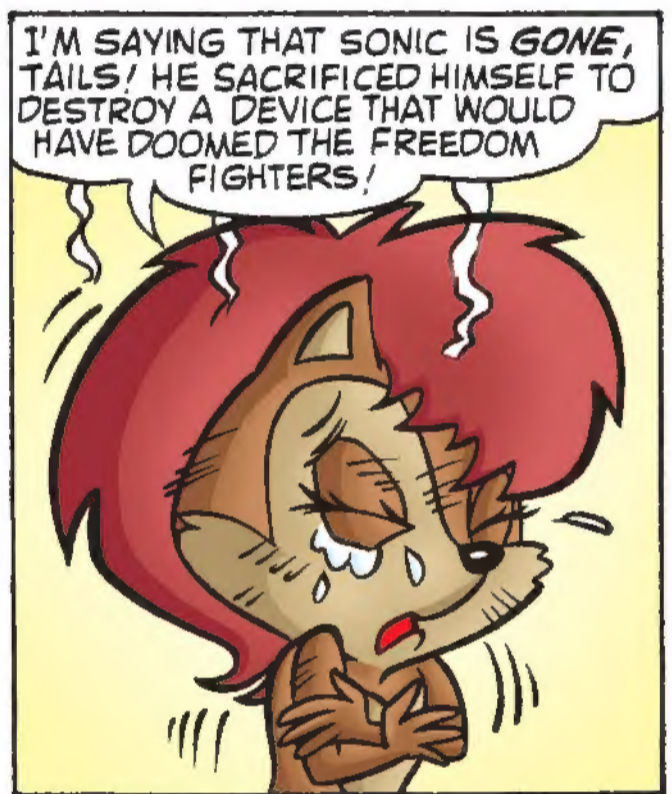
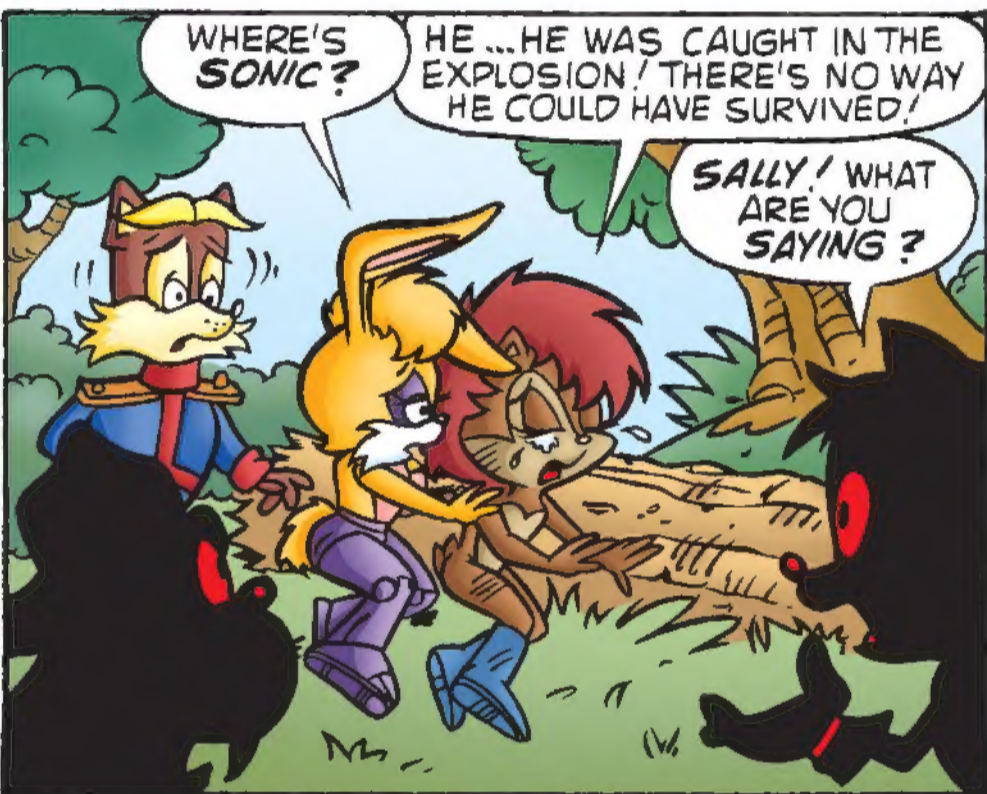
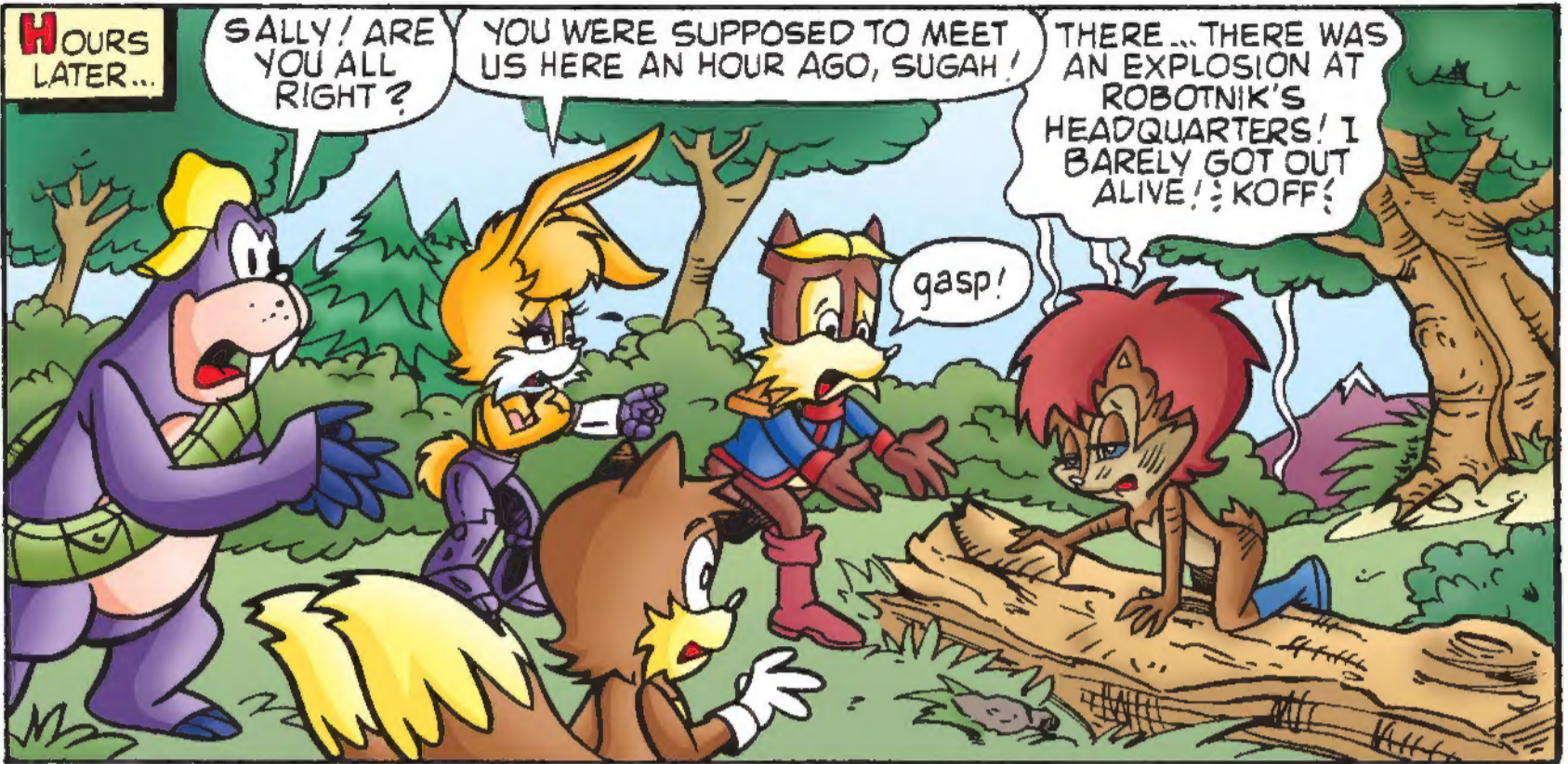




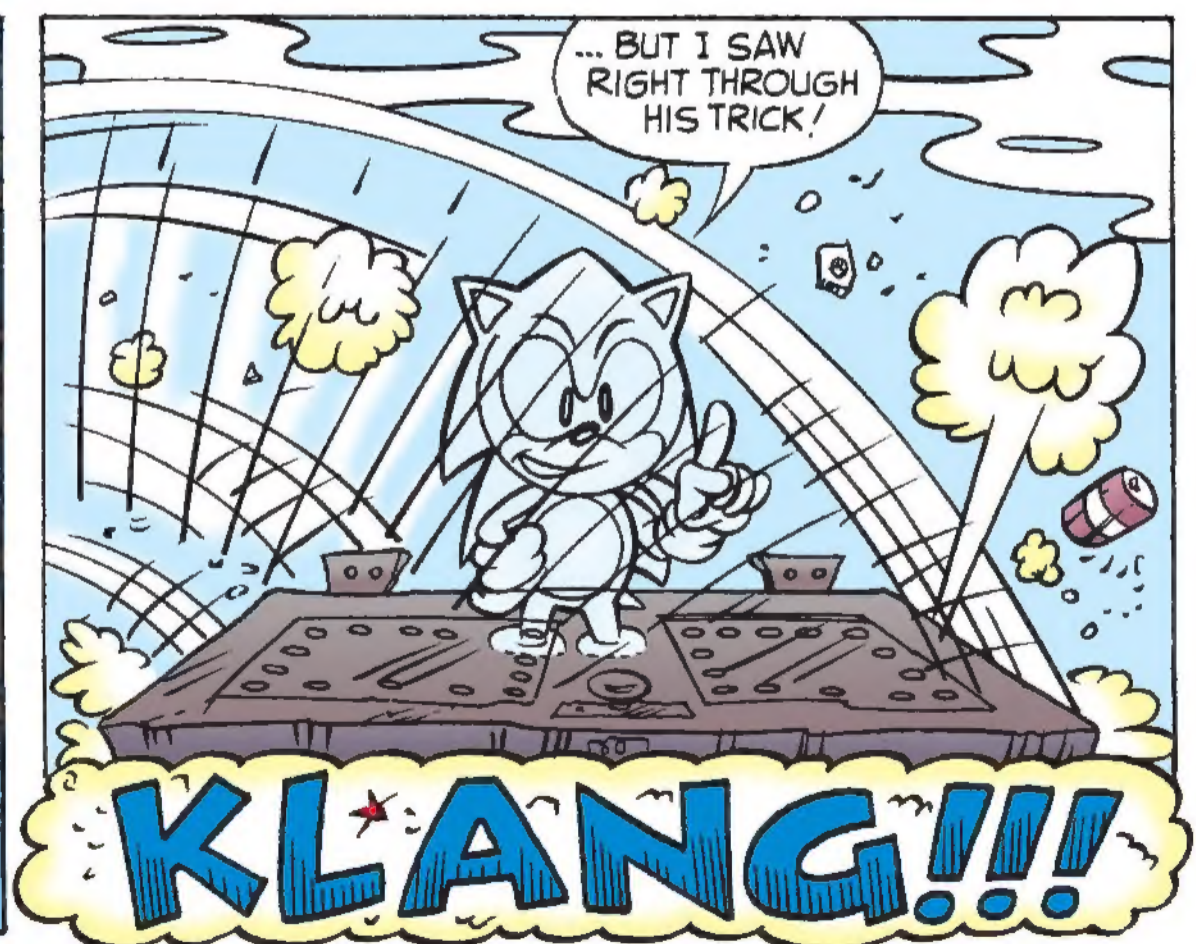
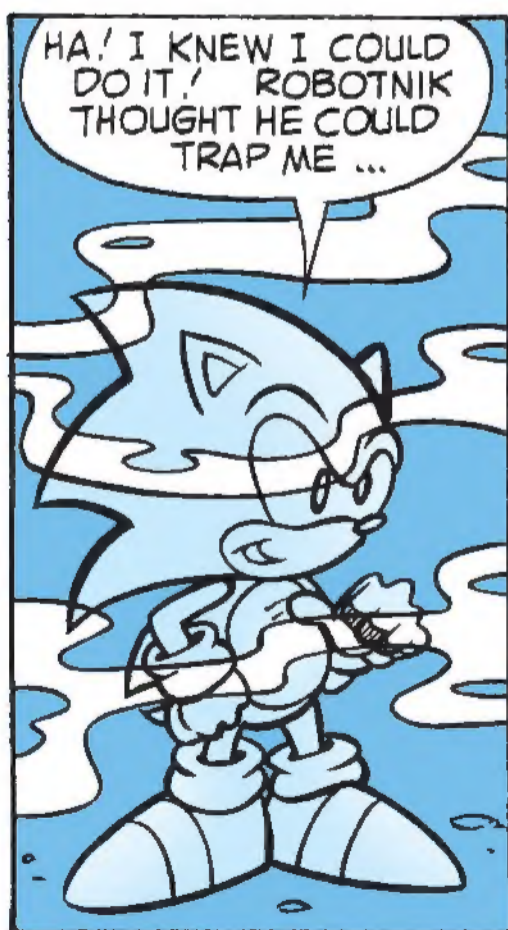
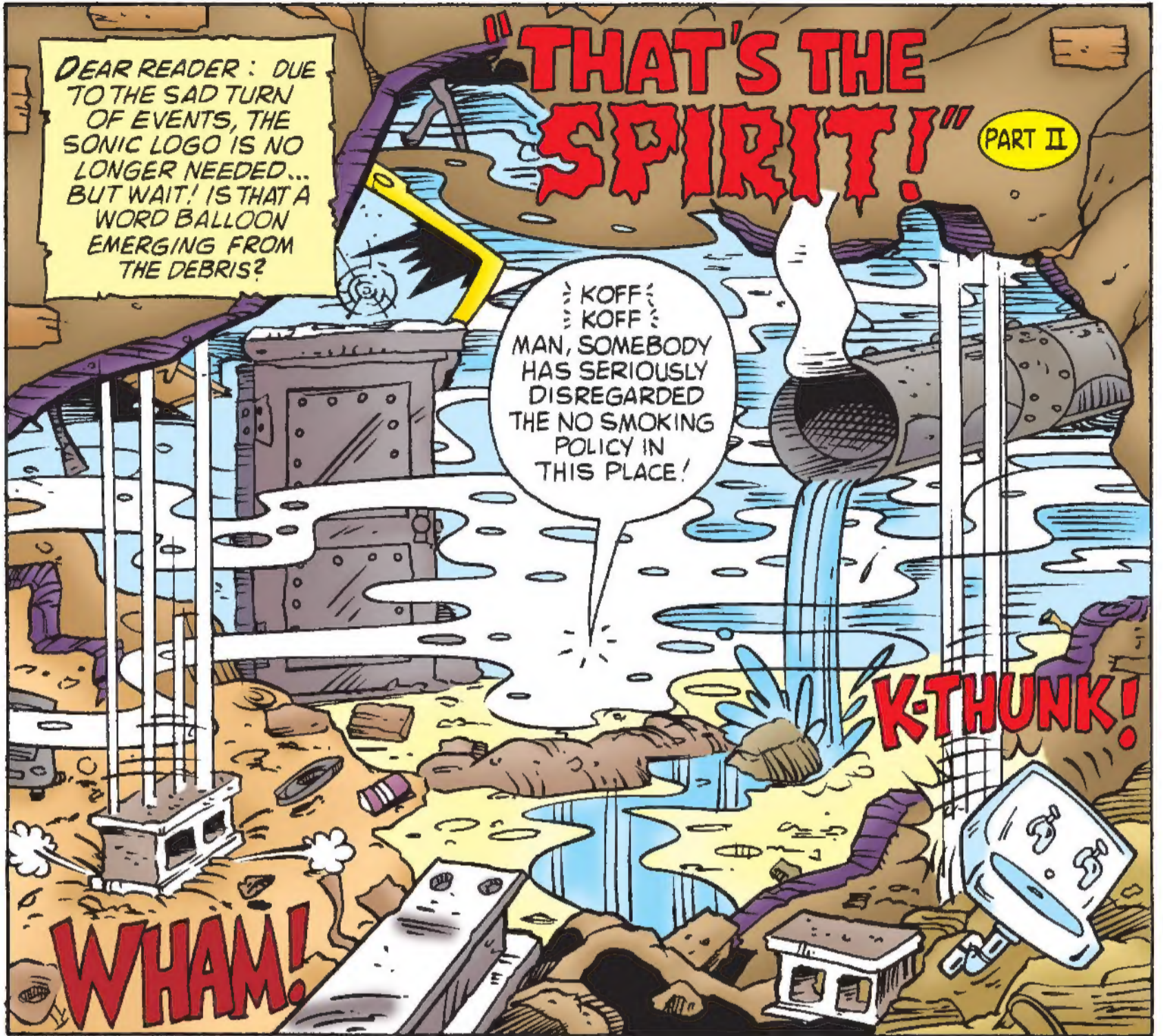


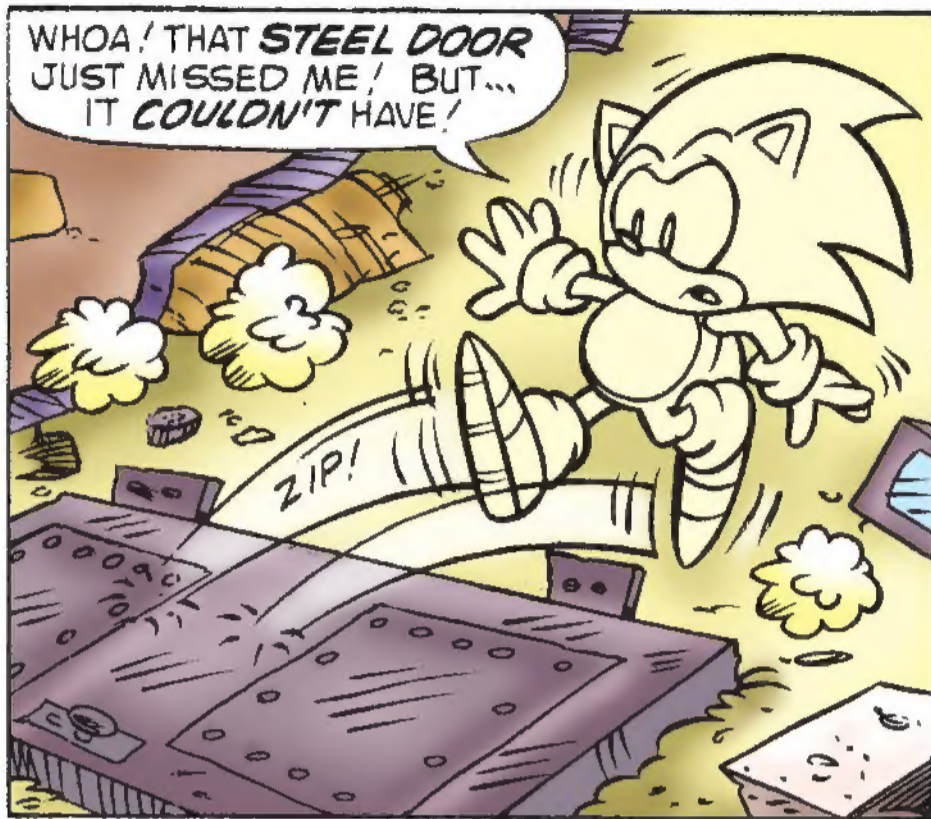


**BA-BOOM!**

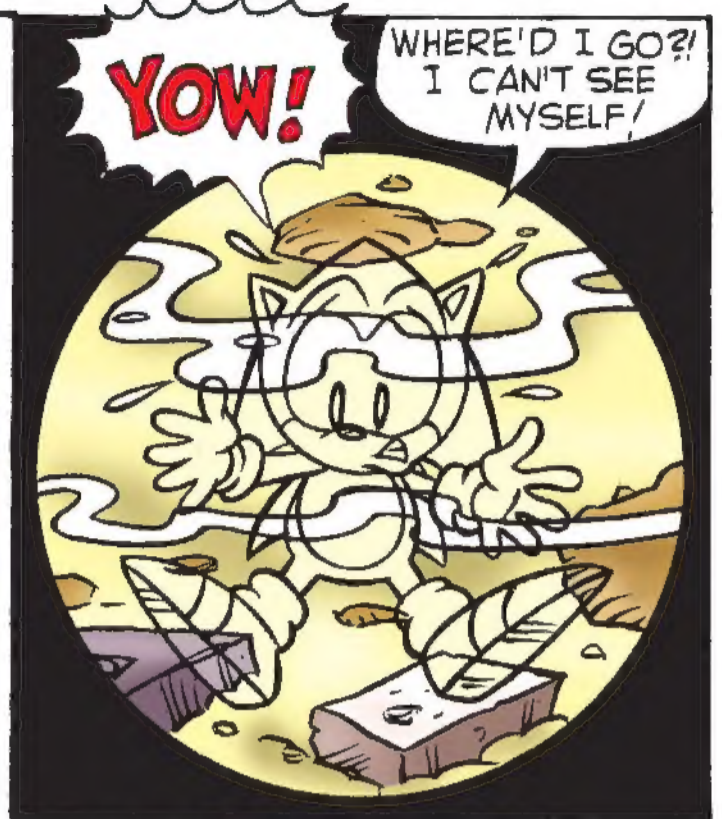


IS THIS REALLY THE END OF SONIC? KEEP READING! 5





WHOA! THAT **STEEL DOOR** JUST MISSED ME! BUT... IT **COULDN'T** HAVE!

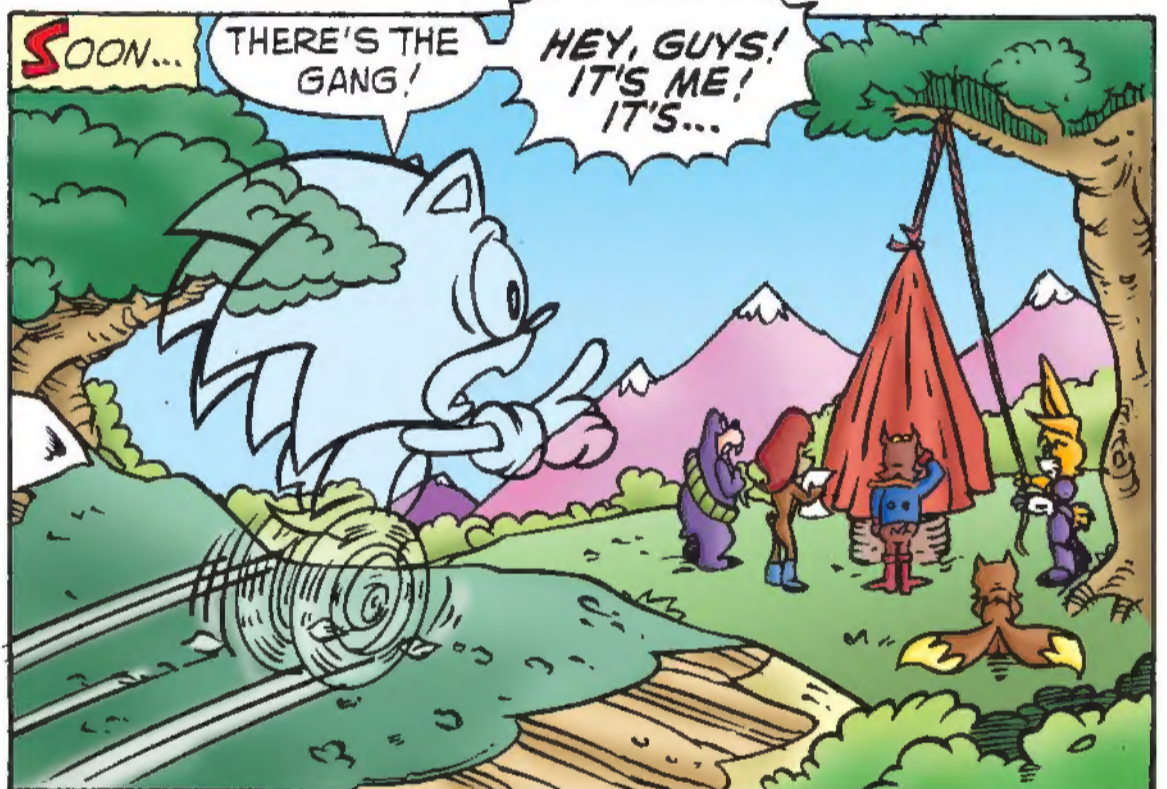


**YOW!**

WHERE'D I GO?! I CAN'T SEE MYSELF!



S-SOMETHING STRANGE IS GOING ON HERE! I'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO KNOTHOLE!



**S**OON...

THERE'S THE GANG!

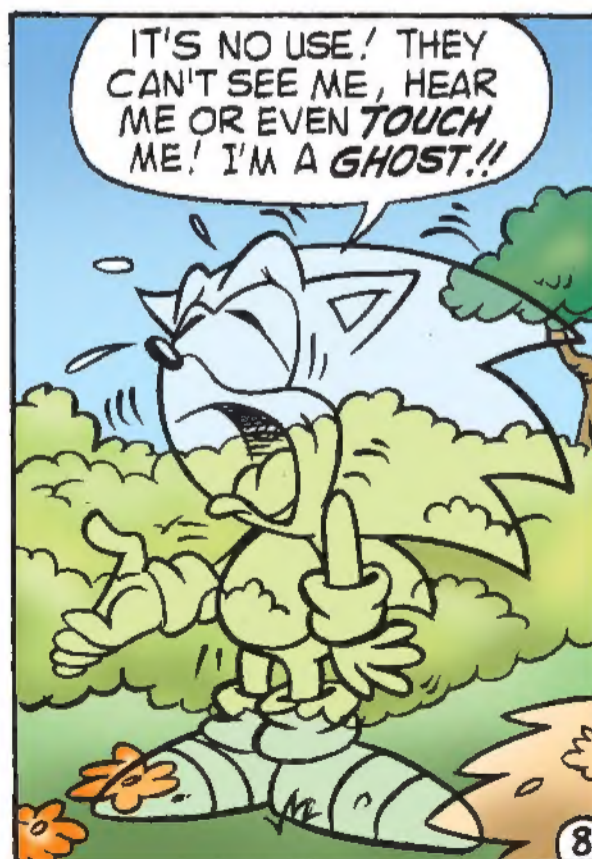
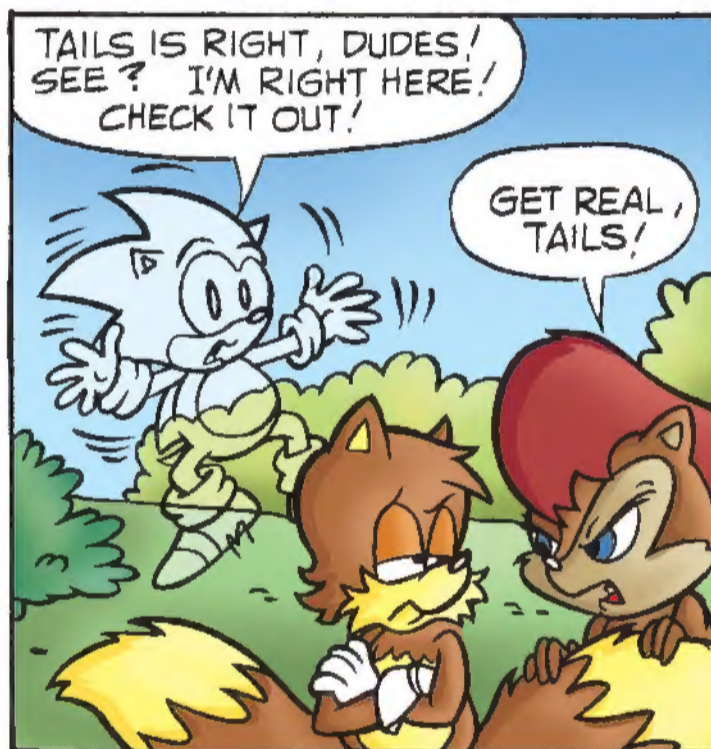
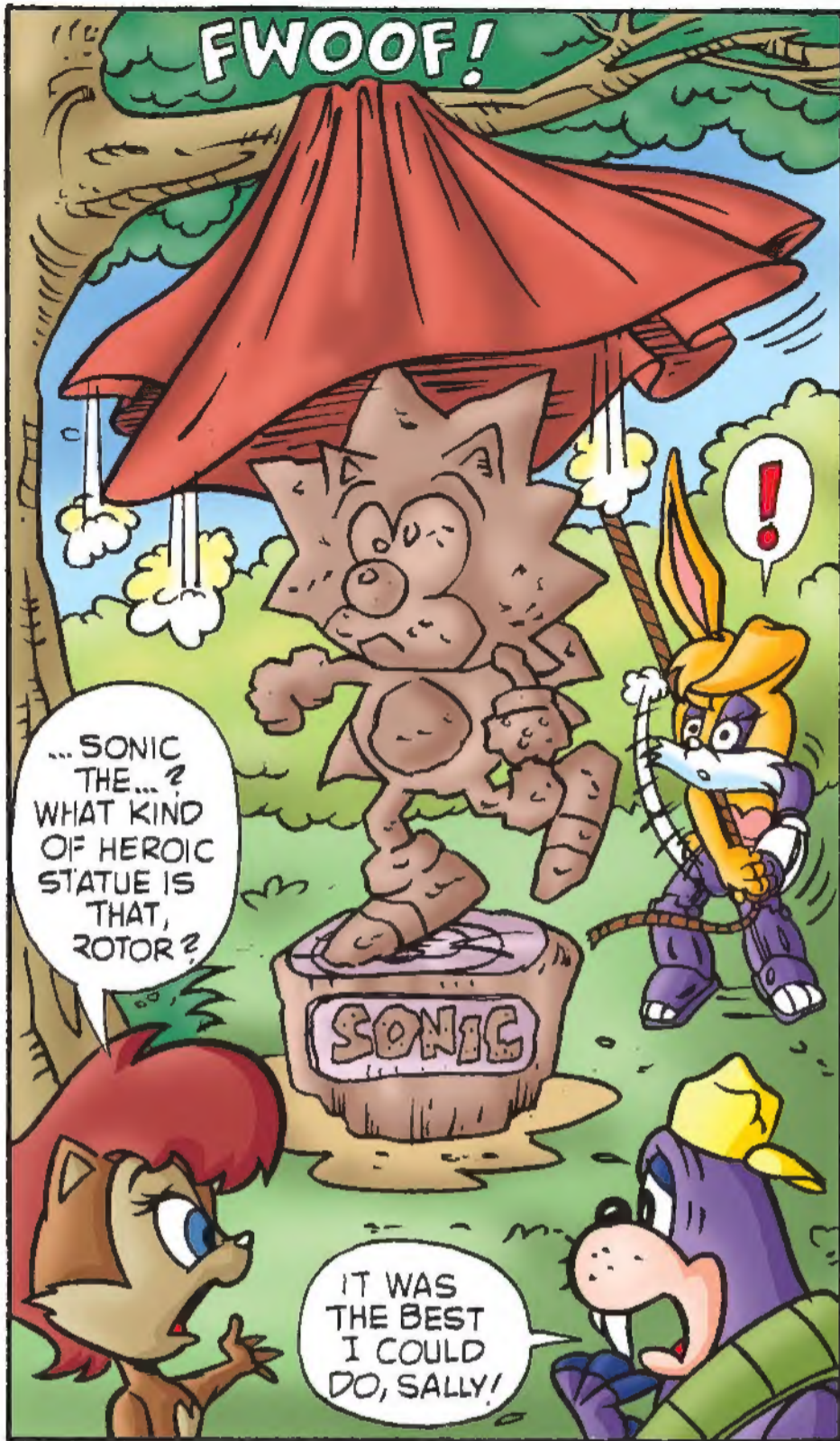
HEY, GUYS! IT'S ME! IT'S...

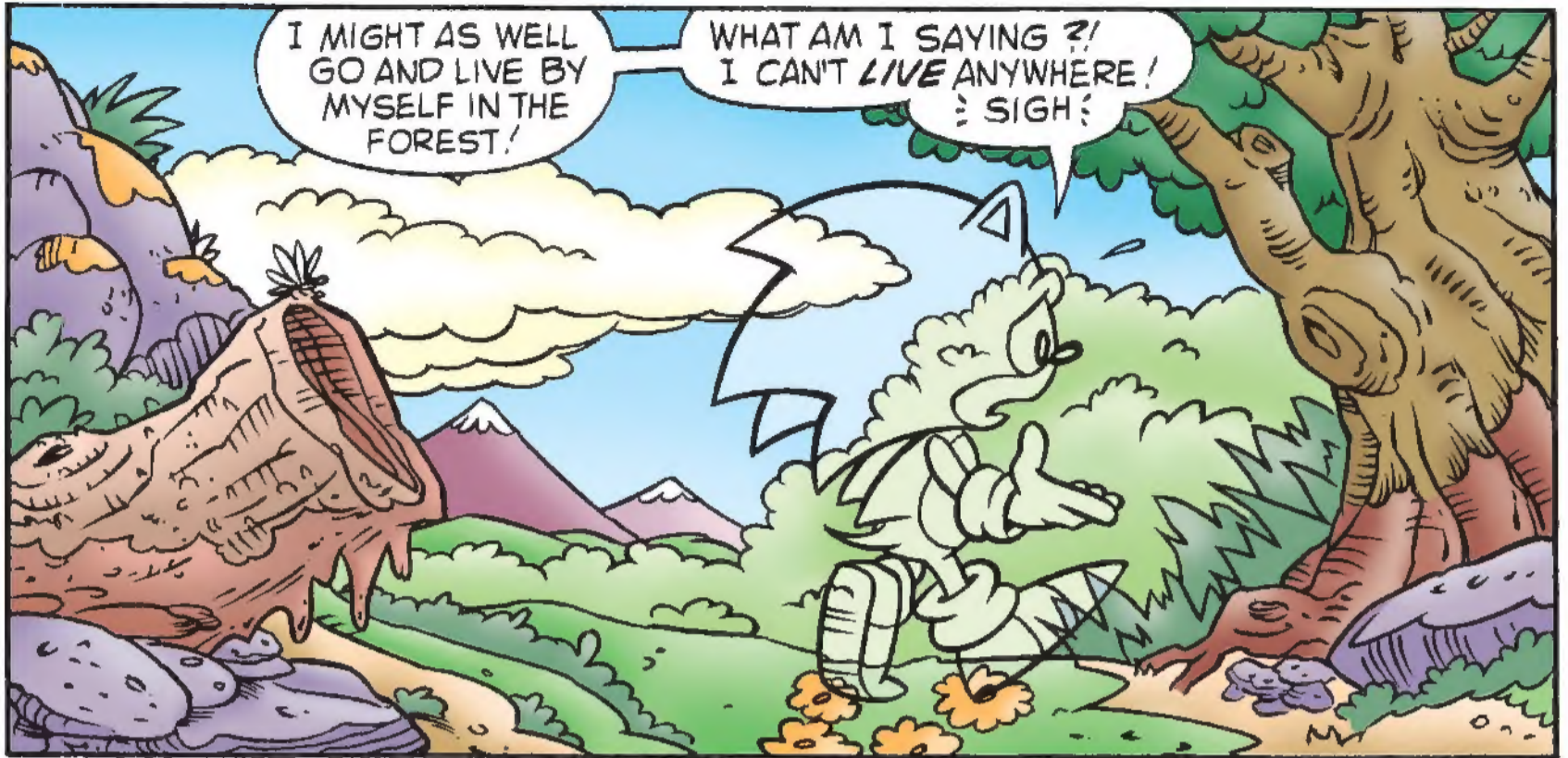


... **SONIC?!**

... AND SO WE DEDICATE THIS STATUE OF OUR FALLEN COMRADE, **sniffle**: THE BRAVEST FREEDOM FIGHTER OF THEM ALL...

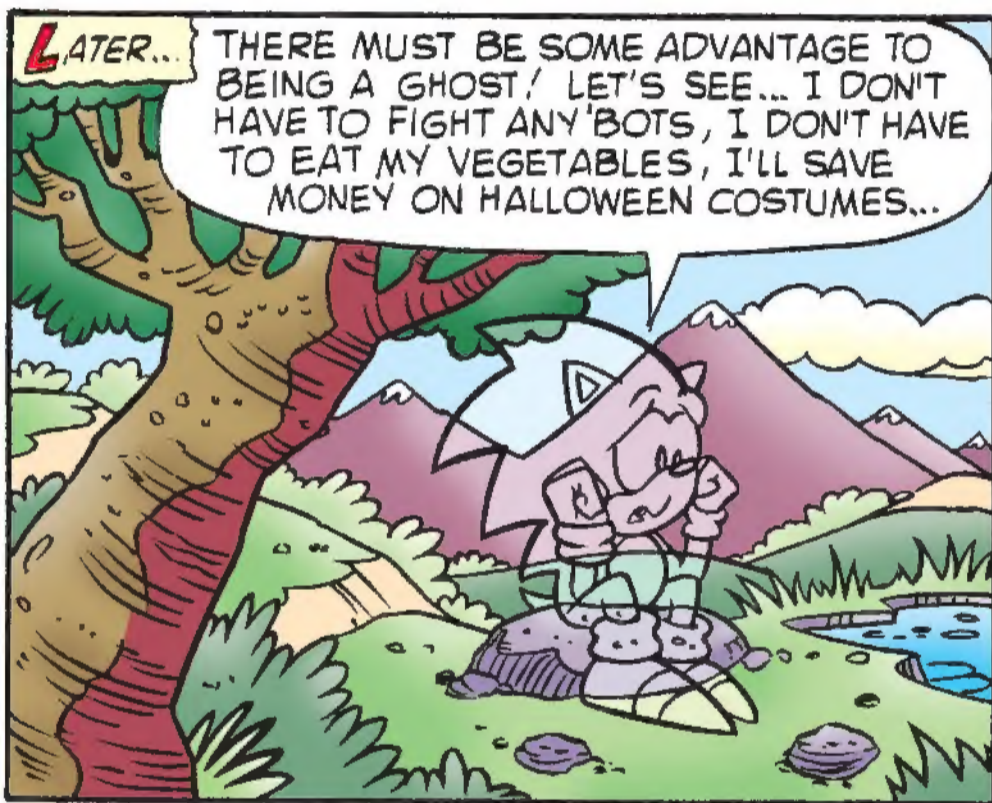




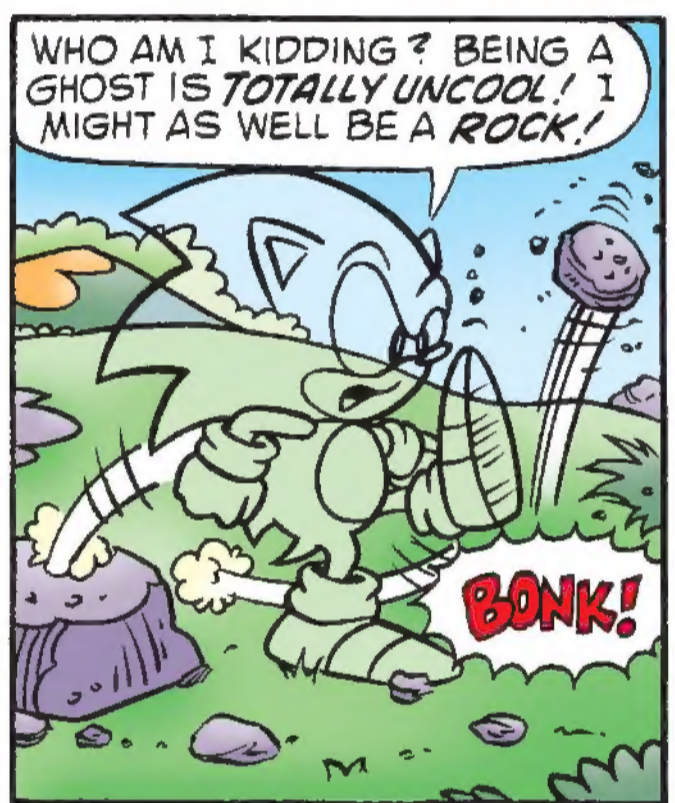


I MIGHT AS WELL GO AND LIVE BY MYSELF IN THE FOREST!

WHAT AM I SAYING ?!  
I CAN'T LIVE ANYWHERE!  
SIGH!

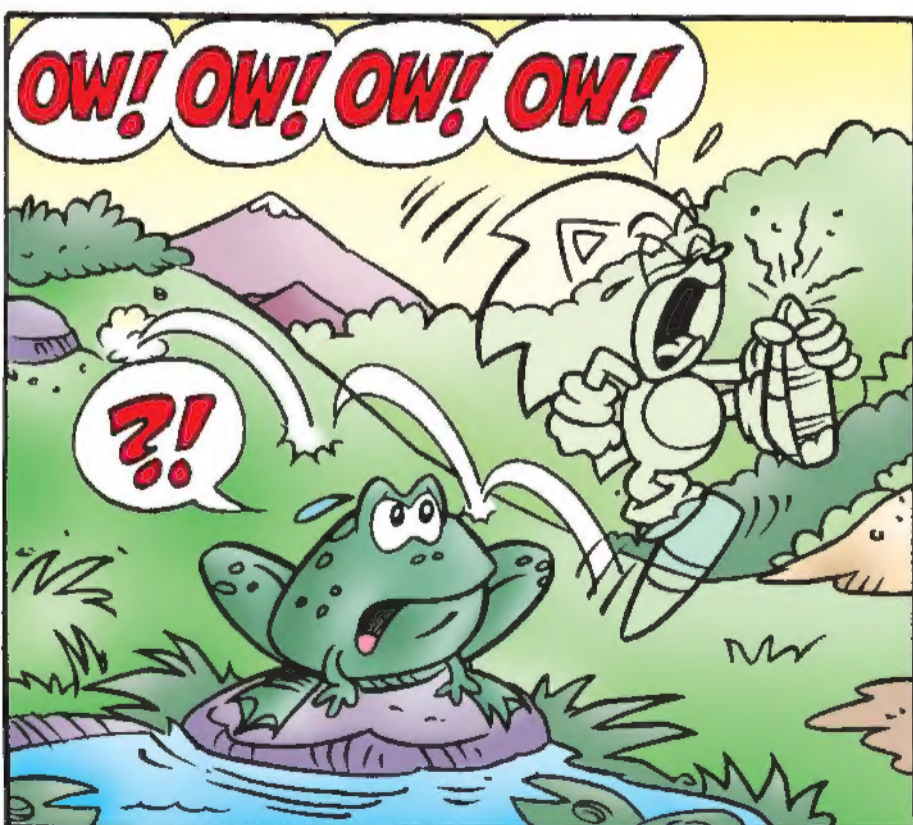


LATER... THERE MUST BE SOME ADVANTAGE TO BEING A GHOST! LET'S SEE... I DON'T HAVE TO FIGHT ANY 'BOTS, I DON'T HAVE TO EAT MY VEGETABLES, I'LL SAVE MONEY ON HALLOWEEN COSTUMES...



WHO AM I KIDDING ? BEING A GHOST IS TOTALLY UNCOOL! I MIGHT AS WELL BE A ROCK!

**BONK!**



**OW! OW! OW! OW!**

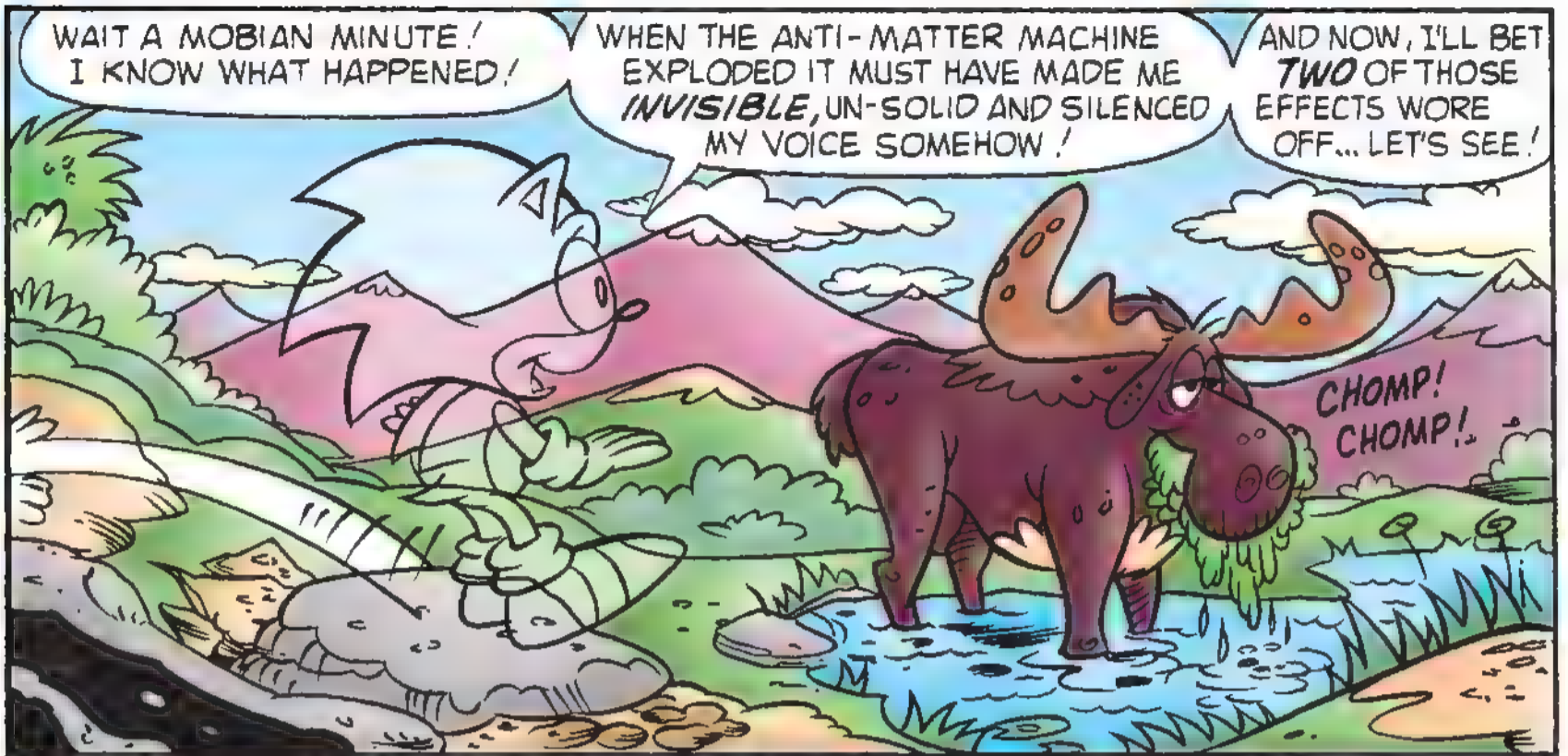
**?!**



HEY! THAT HURT! BUT A GHOST CAN'T FEEL ANYTHING! AND THAT FROG SEEMS TO HAVE HEARD MY VOICE!

**SPROING!**

**SPLOP!**

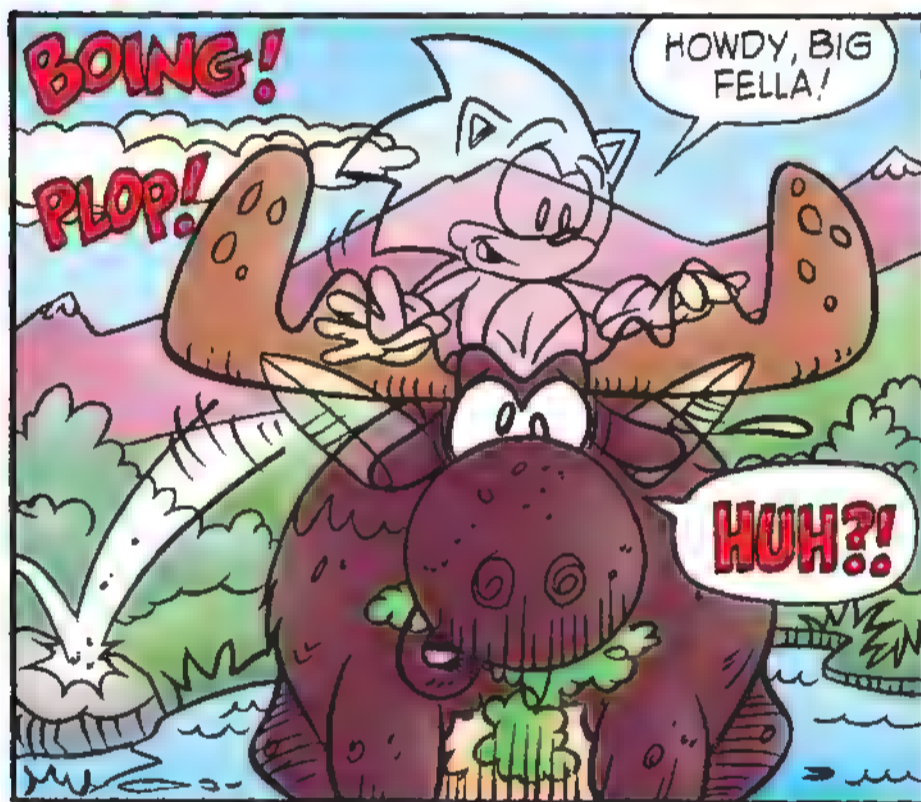


WAIT A MOBIAN MINUTE!  
I KNOW WHAT HAPPENED!

WHEN THE ANTI-MATTER MACHINE  
EXPLODED IT MUST HAVE MADE ME  
*INVISIBLE, UN-SOLID AND SILENCED*  
MY VOICE SOMEHOW!

AND NOW, I'LL BET  
*TWO* OF THOSE  
EFFECTS WORE  
OFF... LET'S SEE!

CHOMP!  
CHOMP!



**BOING!**

**PLOP!**

HOWDY, BIG  
FELLA!

**HUH?!**

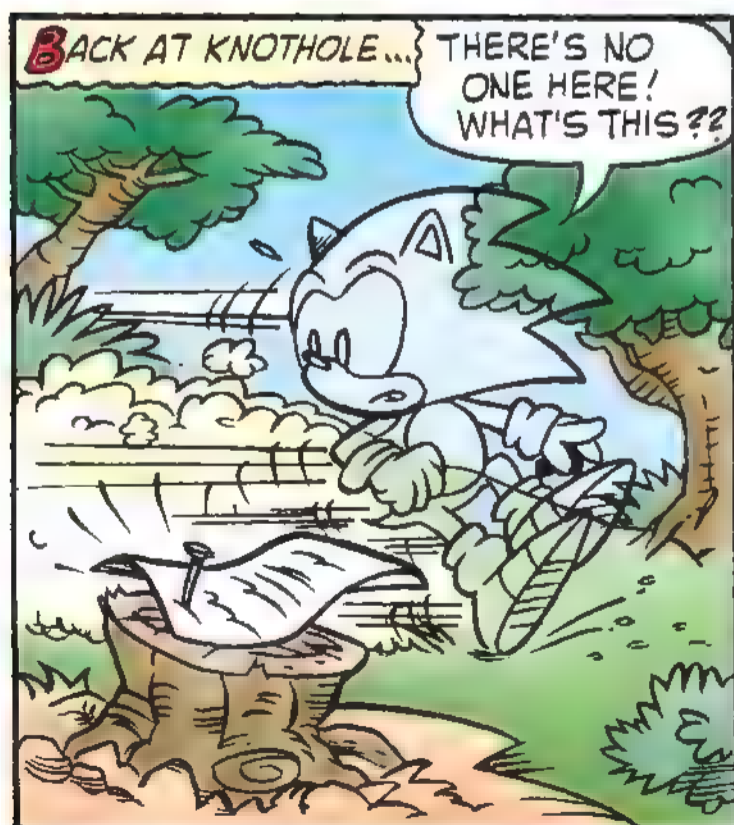


**YESS!!**

'CAUSE NOW I'M *SOLID*,  
*LOUDER* THAN A ROCK STAR,  
BUT STILL *INVISIBLE!*

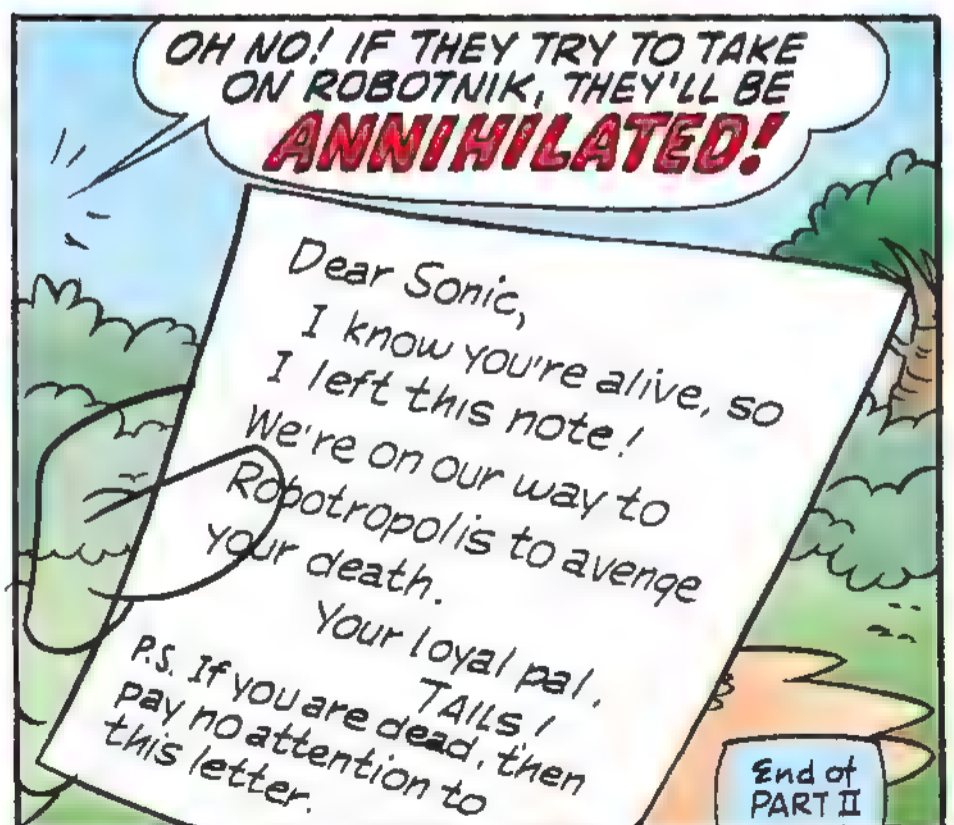
**WEE-ONNK!**

I'LL JUICE HOME  
AND TELL THE GANG  
I'M NOT A GHOST!



**BACK AT KNOTHOLE...**

THERE'S NO  
ONE HERE!  
WHAT'S THIS??



OH NO! IF THEY TRY TO TAKE  
ON ROBOTNIK, THEY'LL BE  
**ANNIHILATED!**

Dear Sonic,  
I know you're alive, so  
I left this note!  
We're on our way to  
Robotropolis to avenge  
your death.

Your loyal pal,  
TAILS!  
P.S. If you are dead, then  
pay no attention to  
this letter.

End of  
PART II

# SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

... IS DEAD! LET US OBSERVE A RESPECTFUL MOMENT OF SILENCE!



## WAHOO! EEEHAH! YIPEEE!!



SONIC IS DESTROYED! MOBIUS IS MINE AND NO ONE CAN STOP ME! NO ONE!...

EXCEPT THE OTHER FREEDOM FIGHTERS, SIR!

### "THAT'S THE SPIRIT!"

PART III

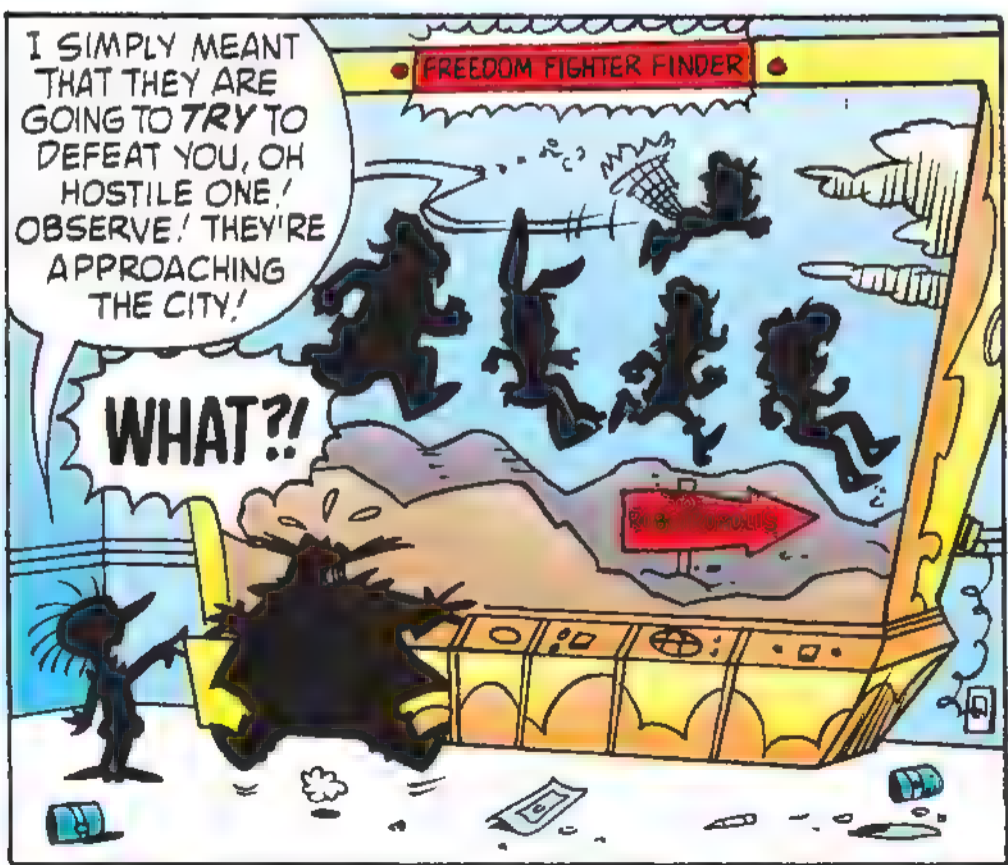
INSECT! DO YOU DARE TO SUGGEST THAT THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS CAN DEFEAT ME WITHOUT THE CURSED HEDGEHOG?!

N-N-NOT AT ALL, SIR!



I SIMPLY MEANT THAT THEY ARE GOING TO TRY TO DEFEAT YOU, OH HOSTILE ONE! OBSERVE! THEY'RE APPROACHING THE CITY!

### WHAT?!



FETCH THE **BUZZARD 'BOT**, SNIVELY! I DIDN'T THINK THIS DAY COULD GET ANY BETTER ... BUT IT'S ABOUT TO!

WHILE JUST OUTSIDE ROBOTROPOLIS ...

YOU ALL KNOW THE PLAN! ONE OF US HAS SOMEHOW GOT TO FIND ROBOTNIK AND FORCE HIM TO SURRENDER **ONCE AND FOR ALL!**

SONIC GAVE HIS LIFE FOR OUR CAUSE! NOW IT'S UP TO US TO FINISH THE JOB!

THERE THEY ARE, SIR!

UH... SUPPOSE ROBOTNIK FINDS US BEFORE WE FIND HIM?

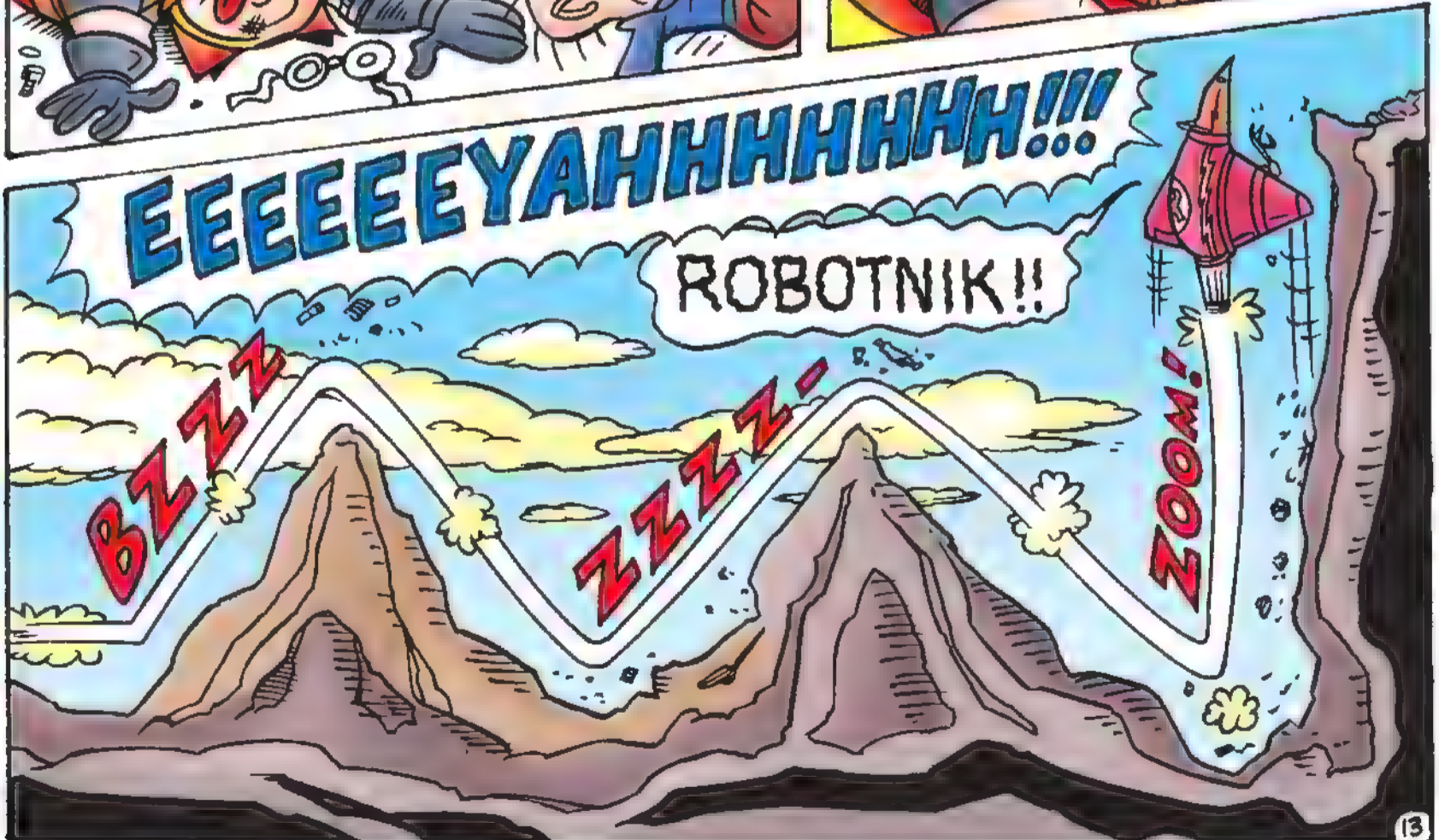
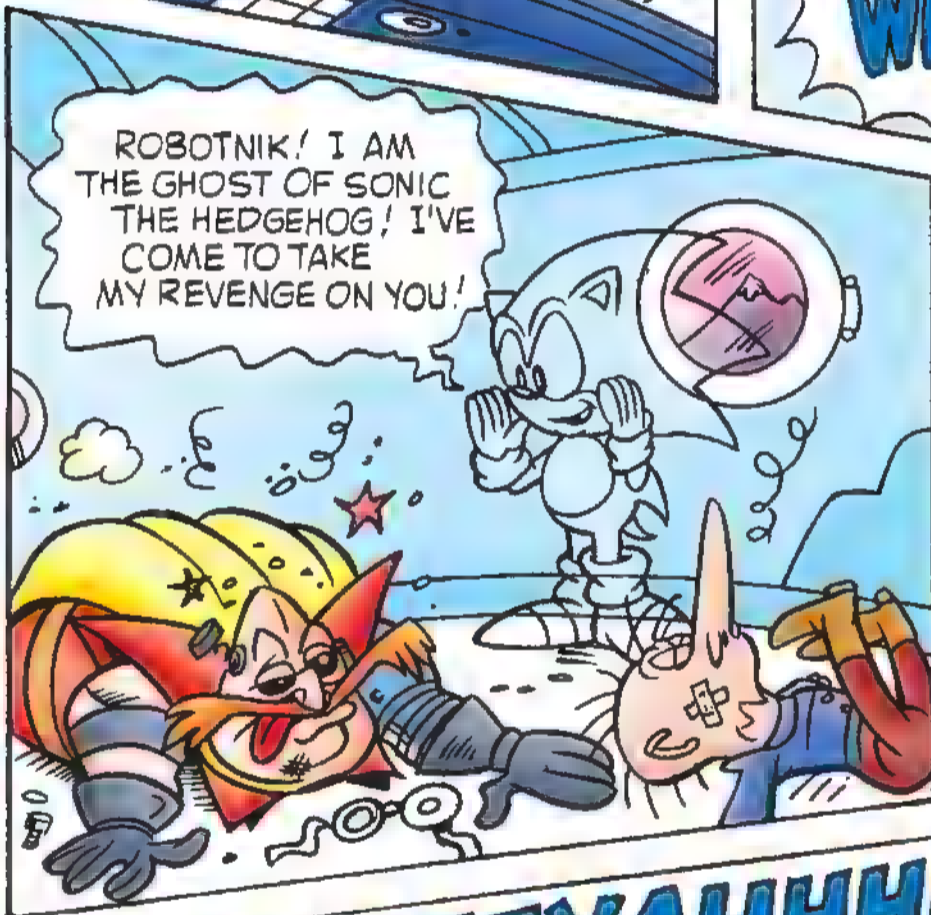
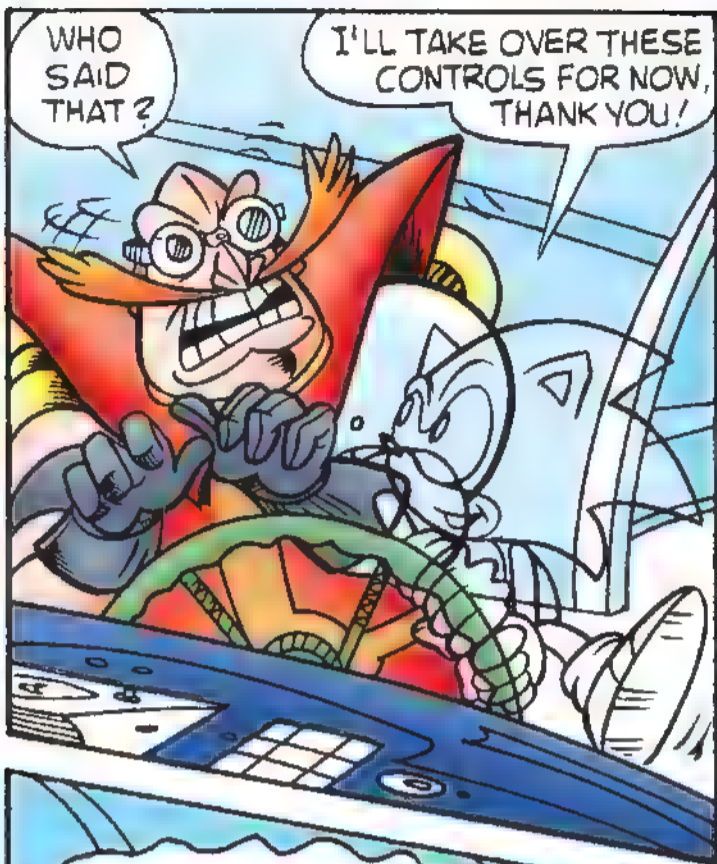
ALL VISITORS TO Robotropolis UNWELCOME

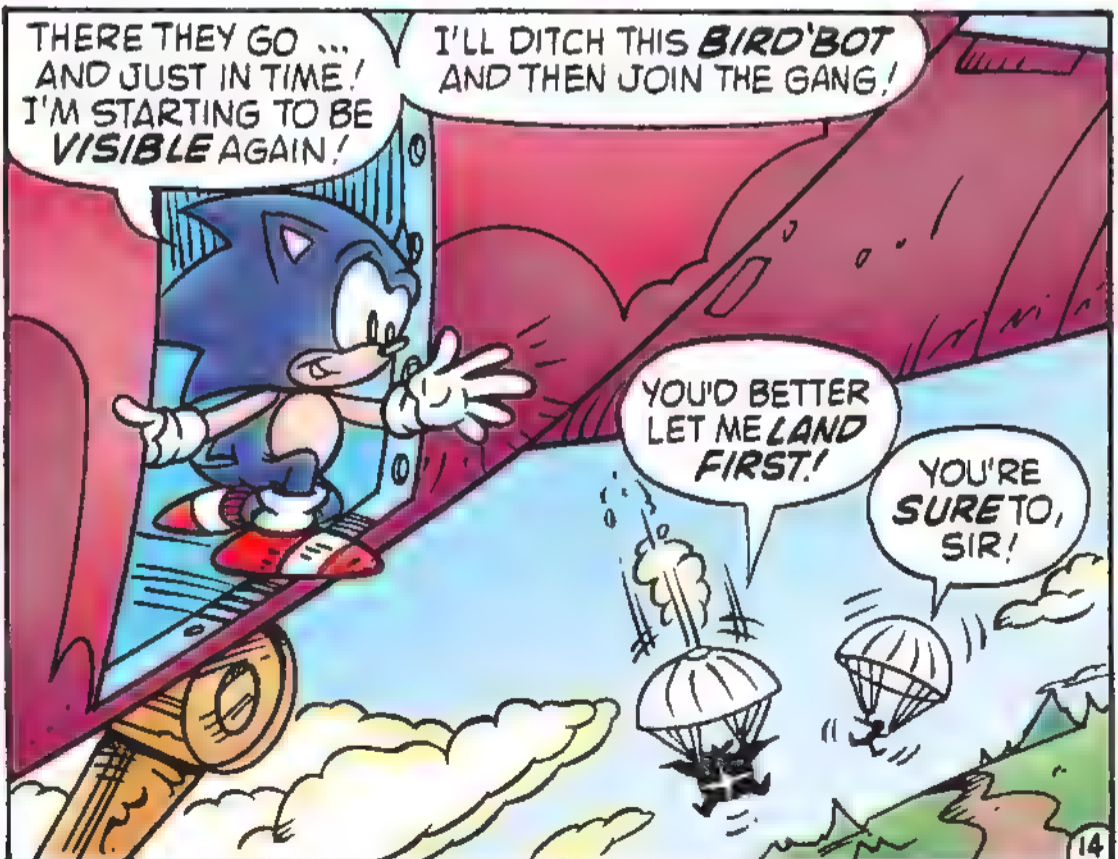
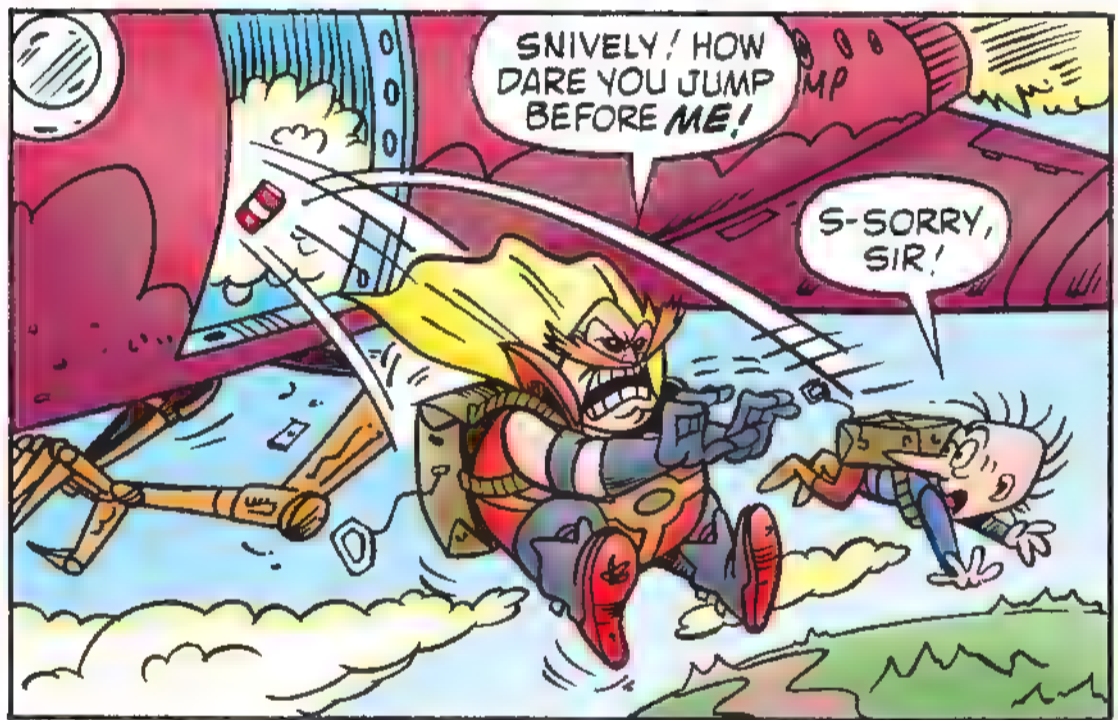
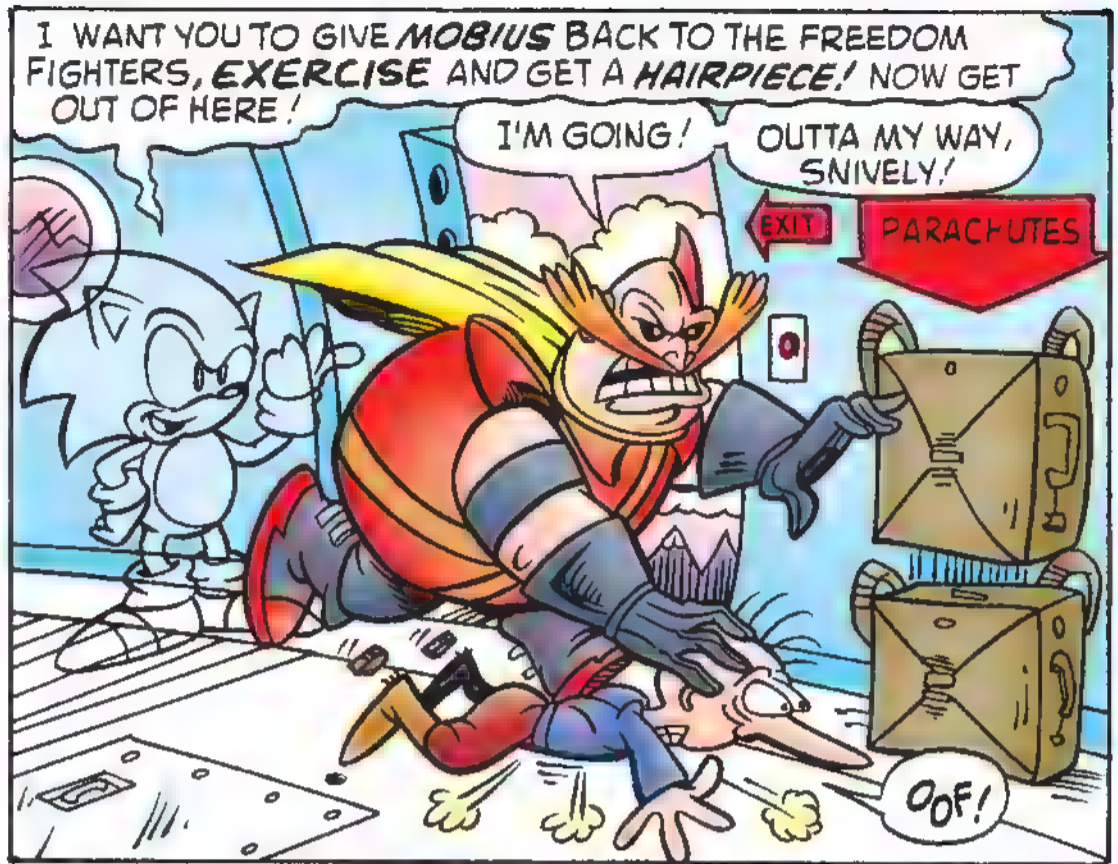
EXCELLENT! I'LL SNATCH THEM UP LIKE LITTLE WORMS AND DROP THEM INTO THE ROBOTICIZER!

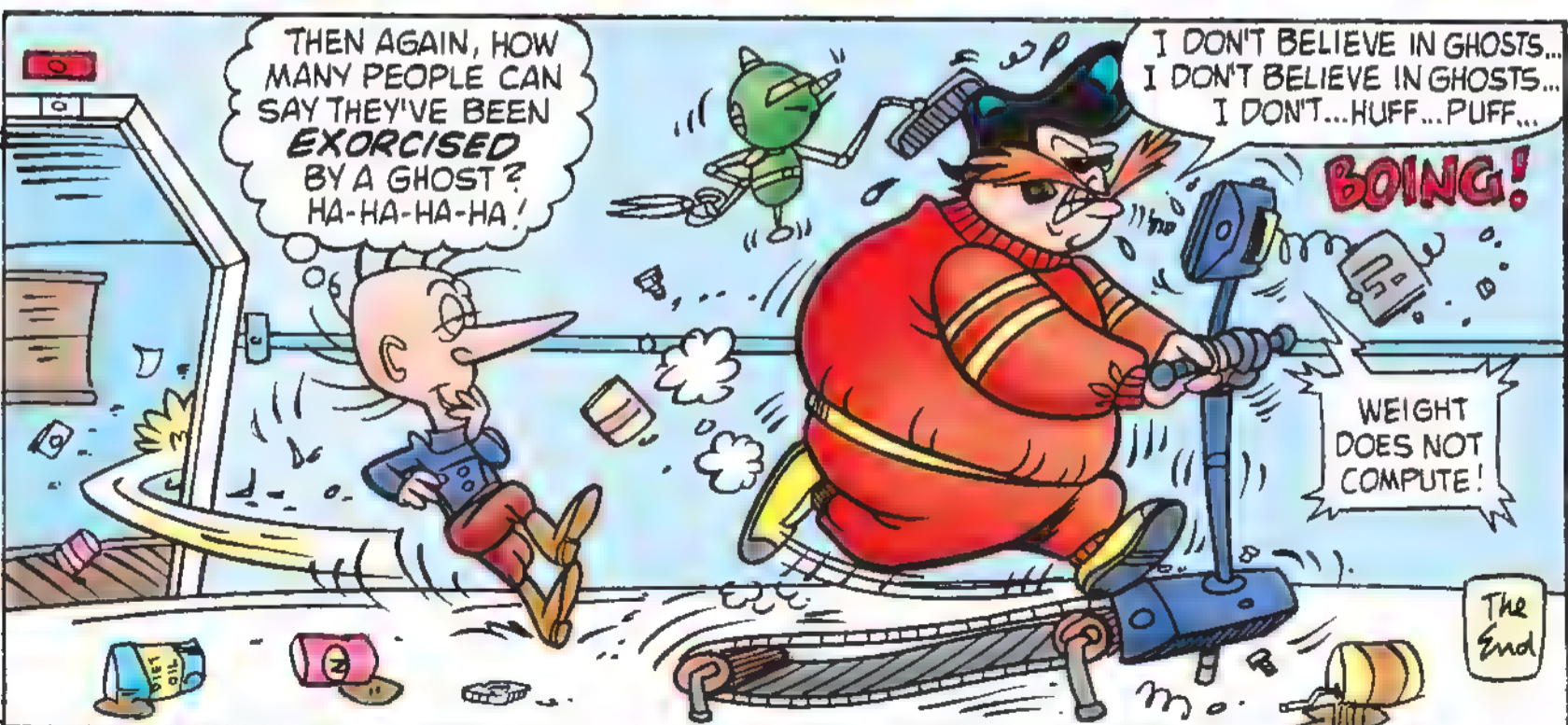
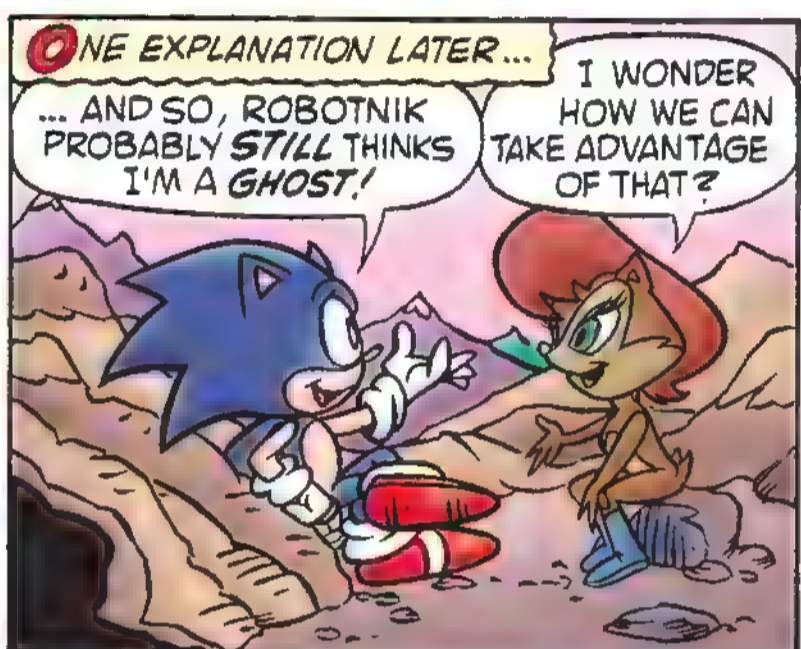
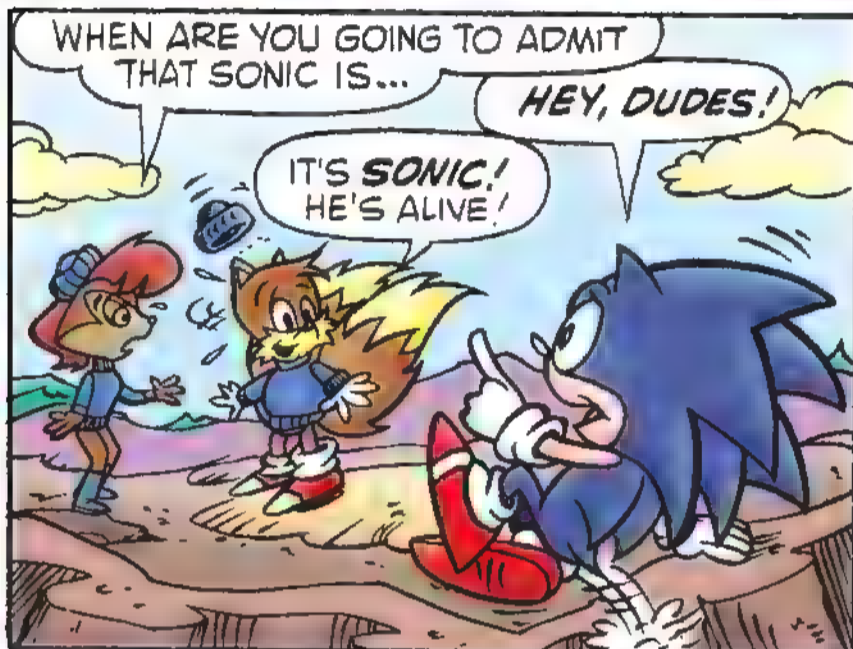
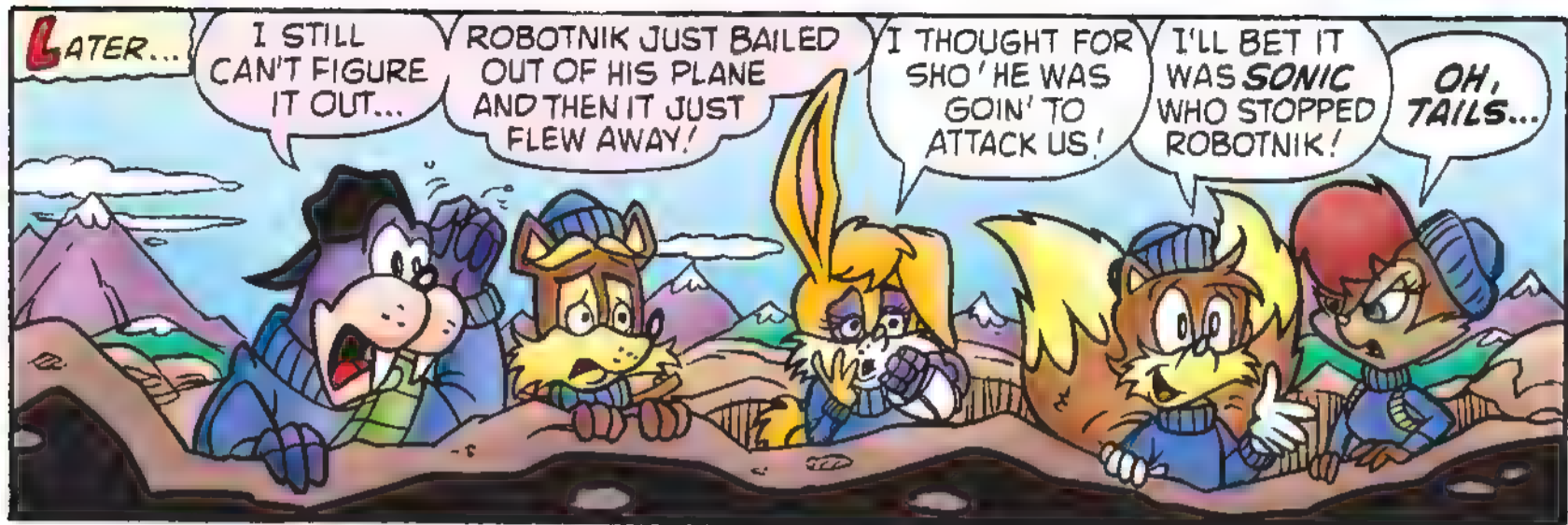
**DESCEND!!**

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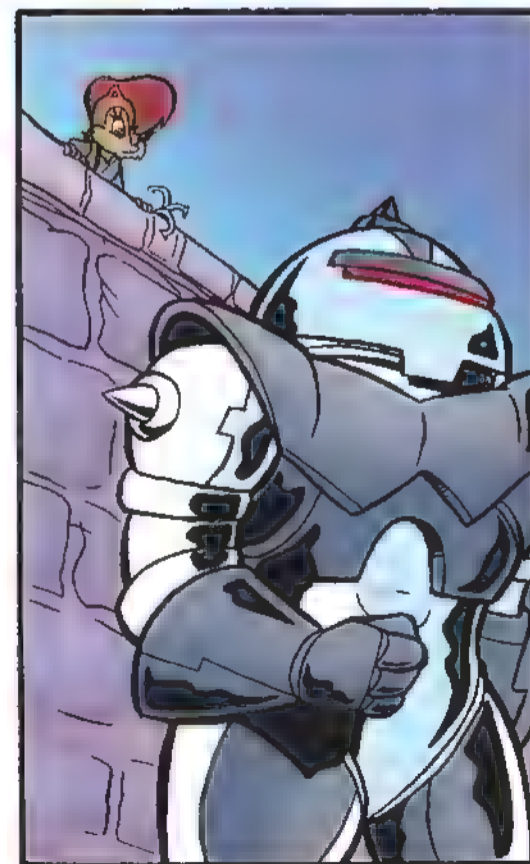
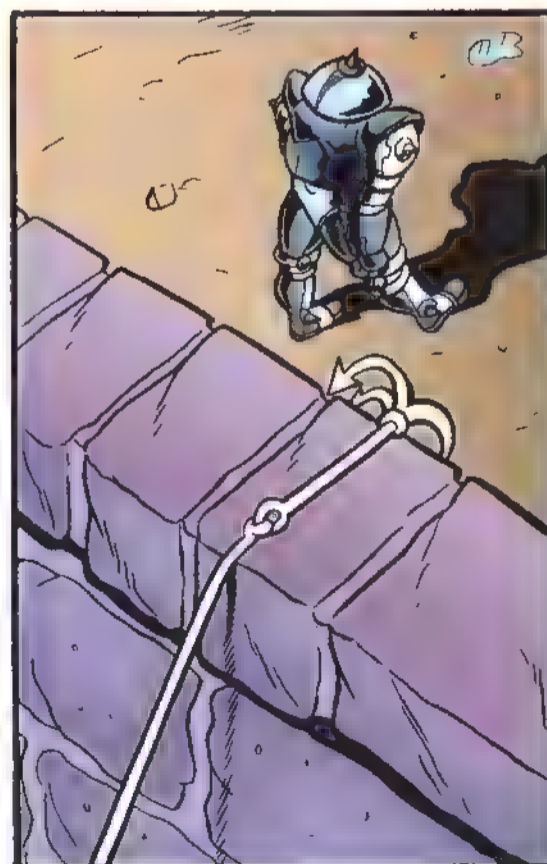
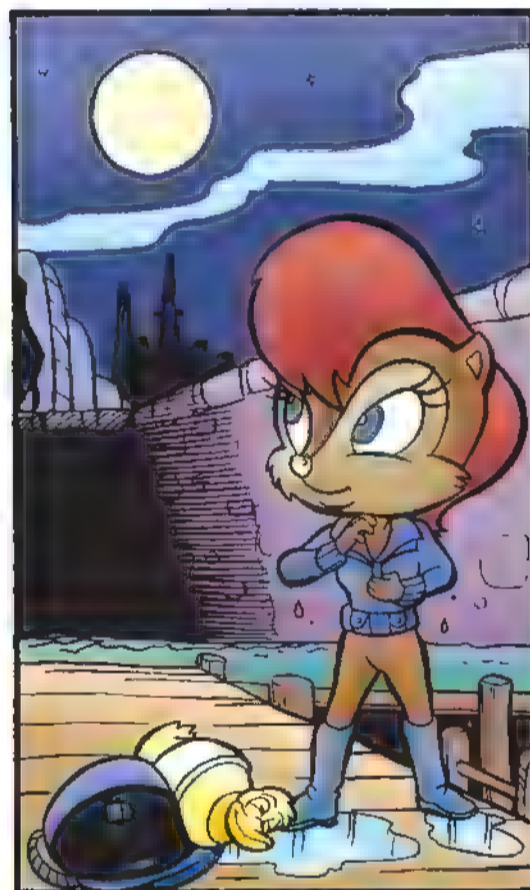
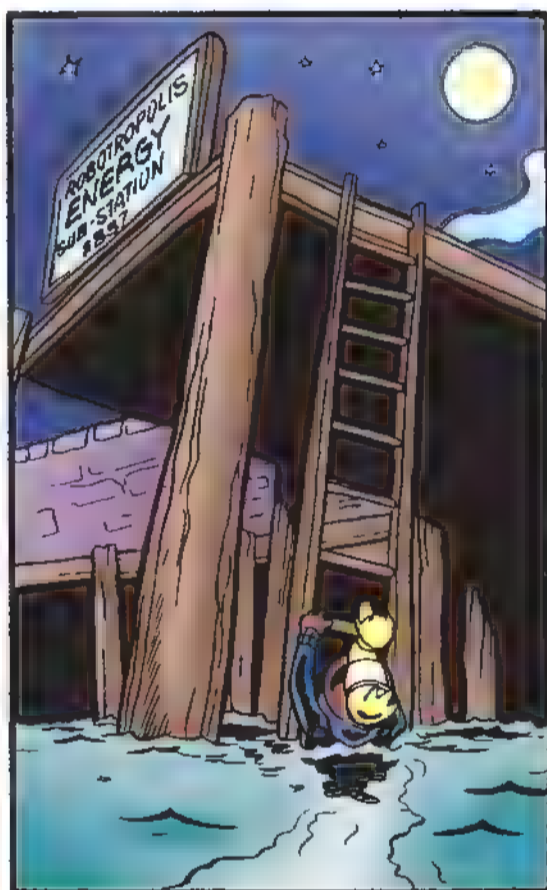
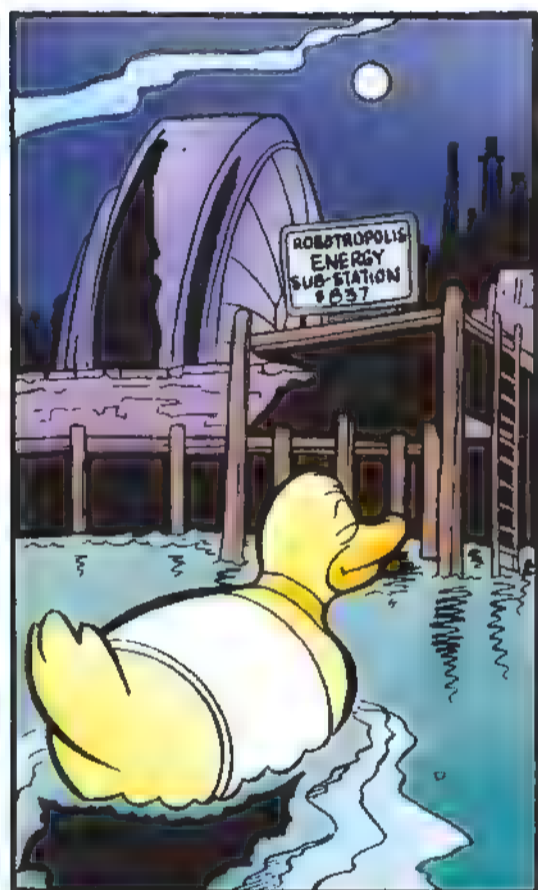
HOPE YOU GUYS DON'T MIND THAT I HITCHED A RIDE!





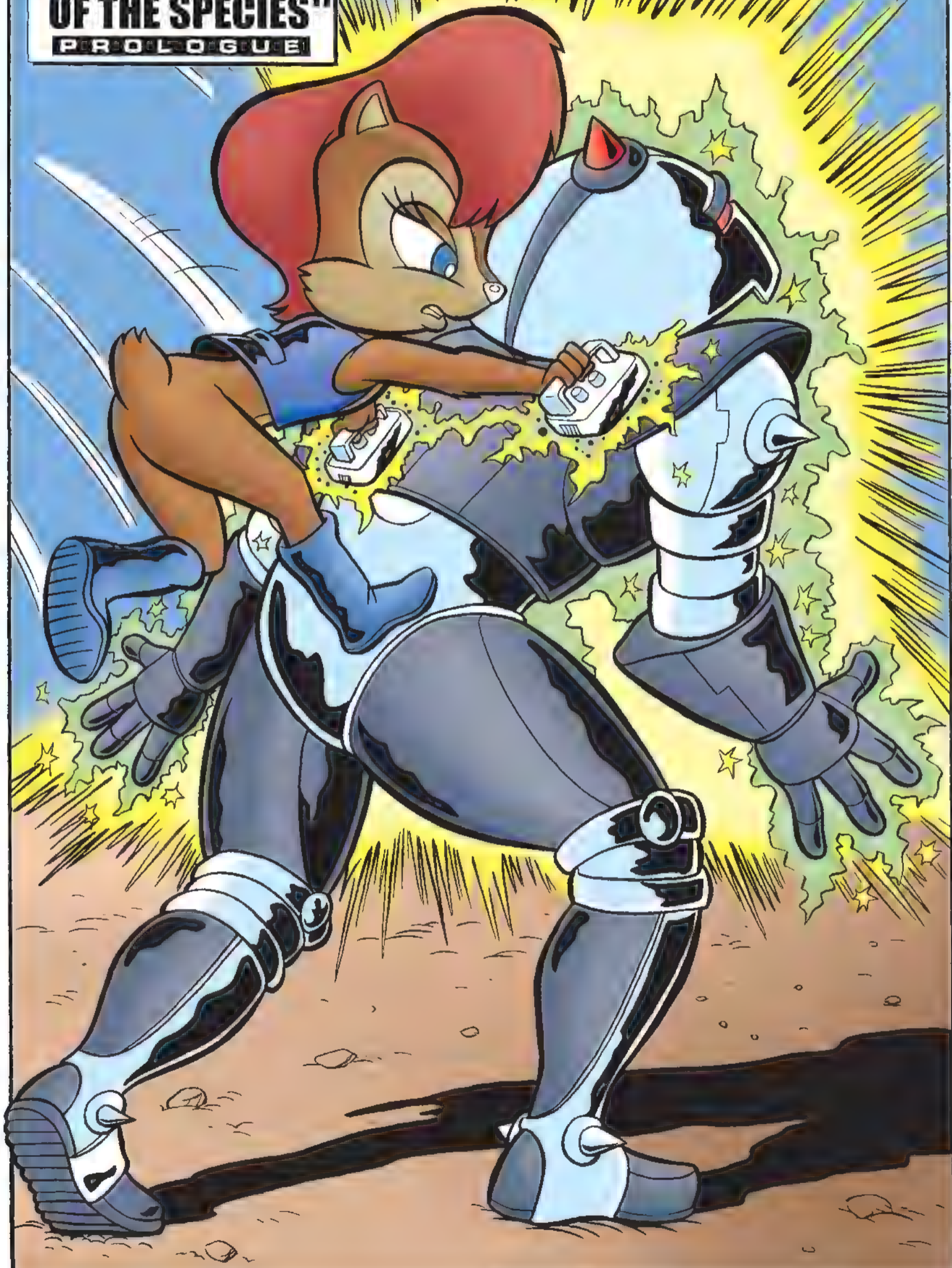


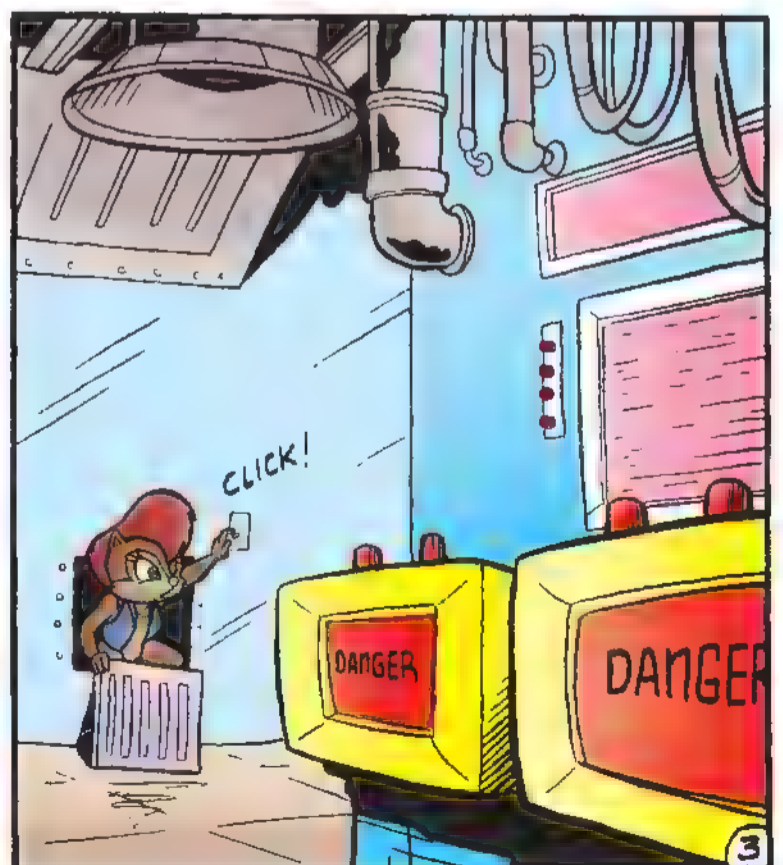
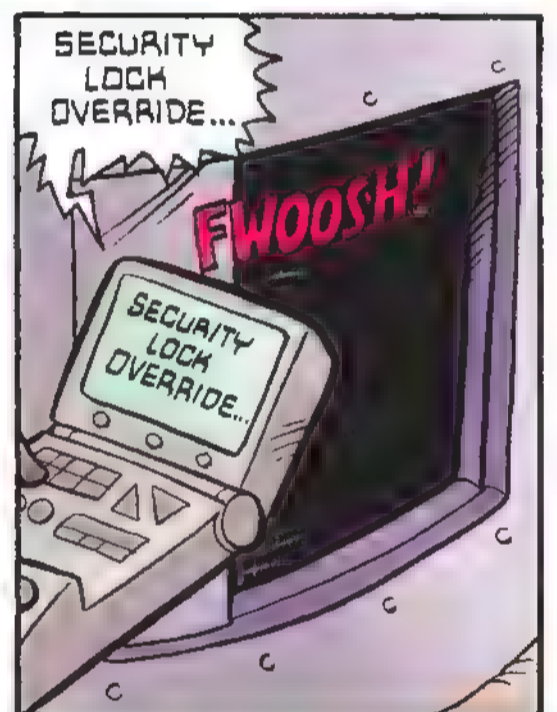
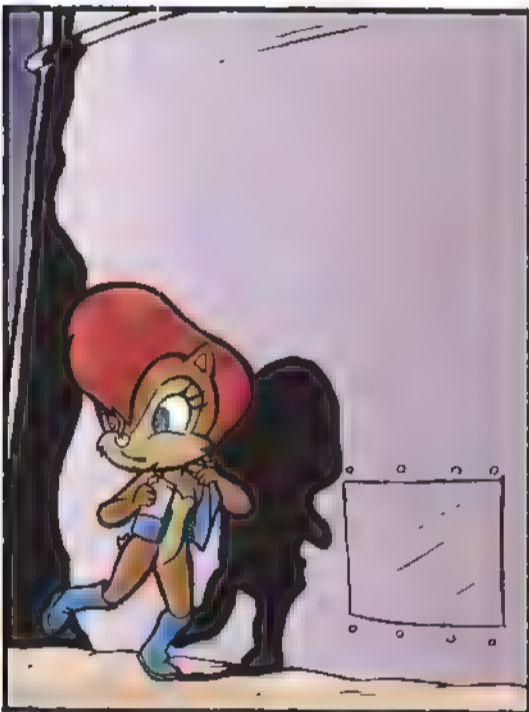
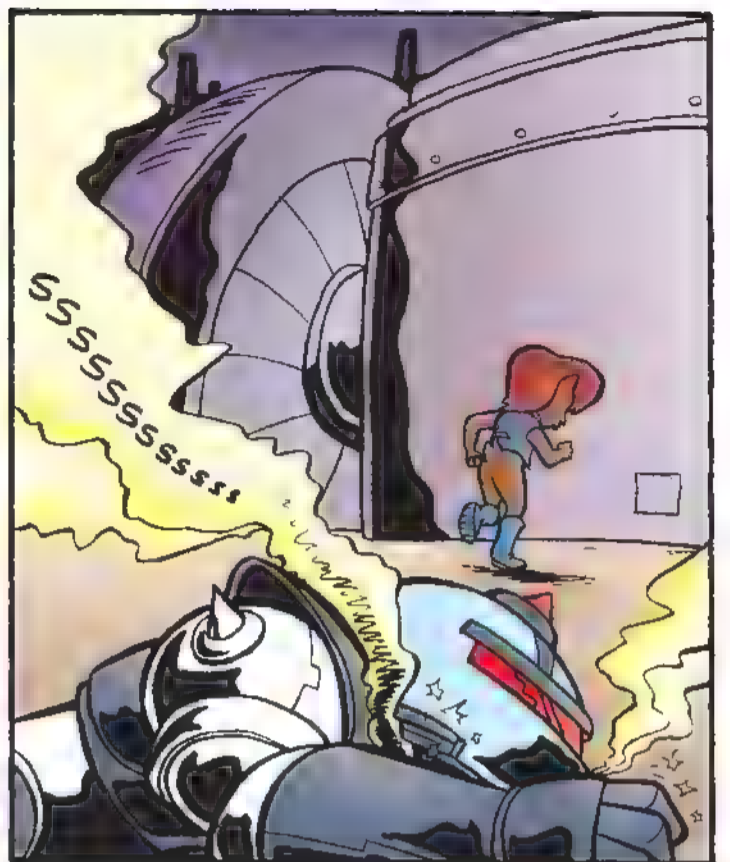


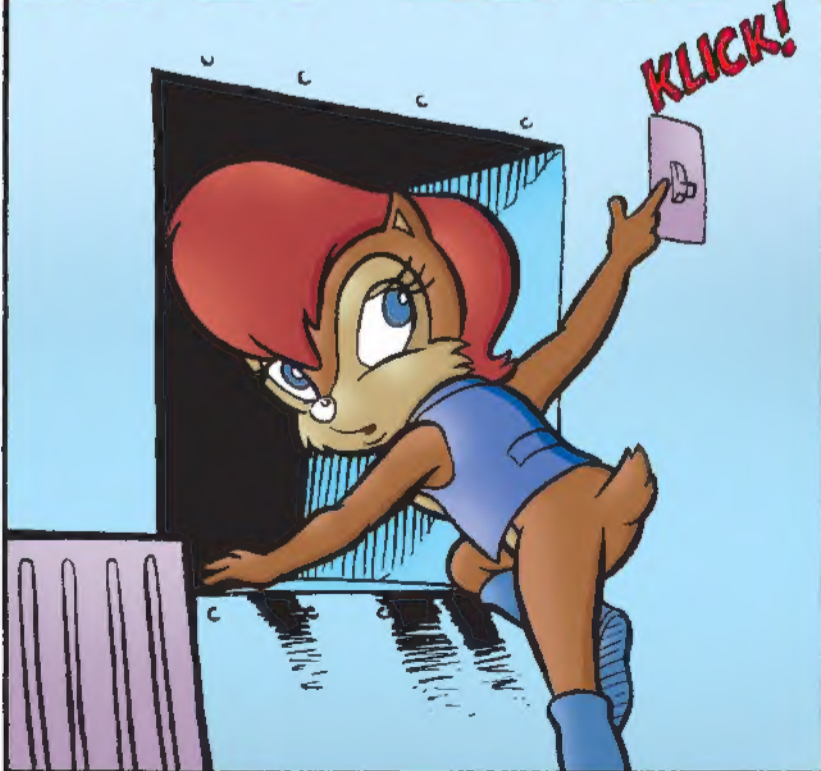
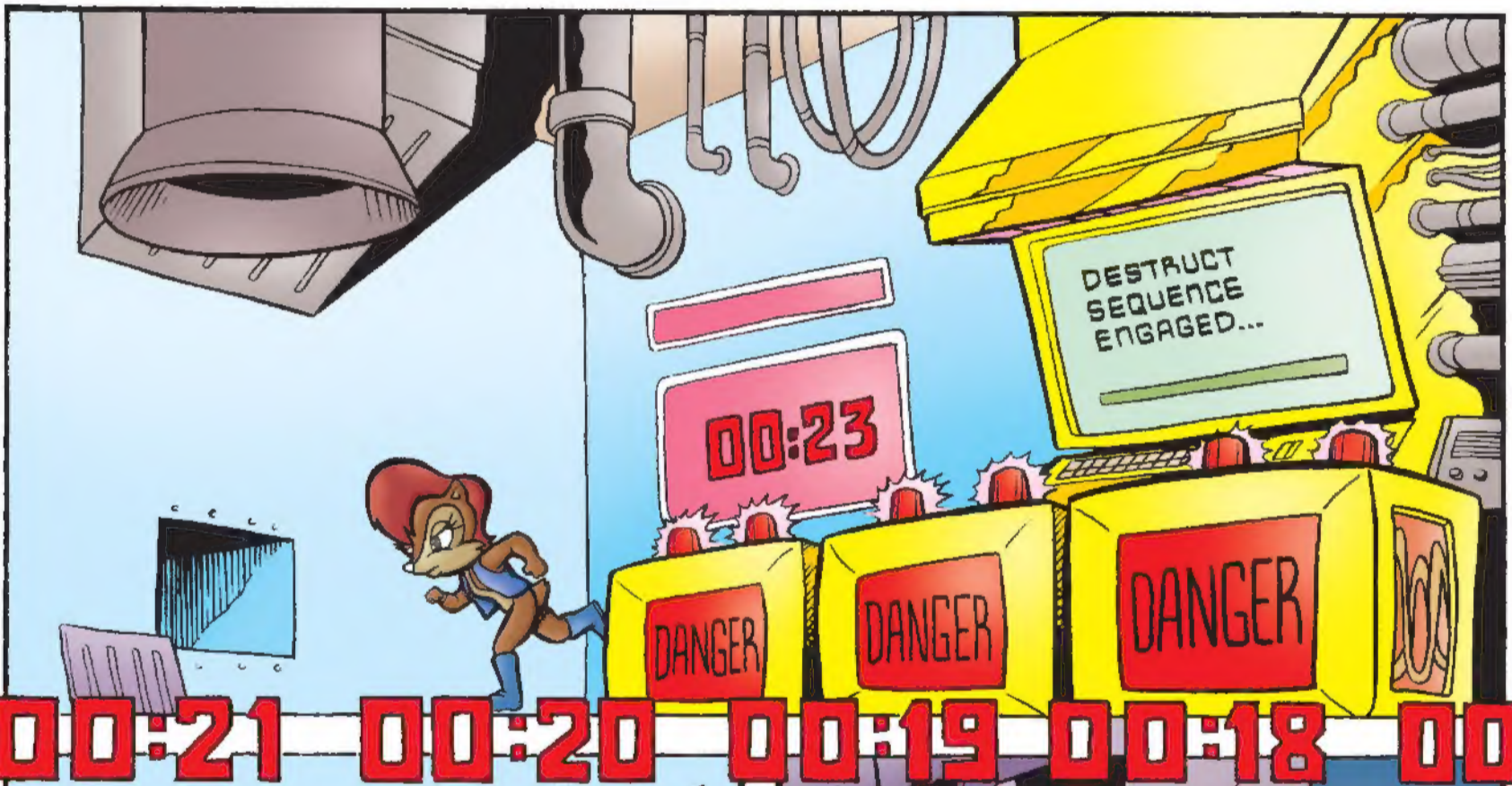
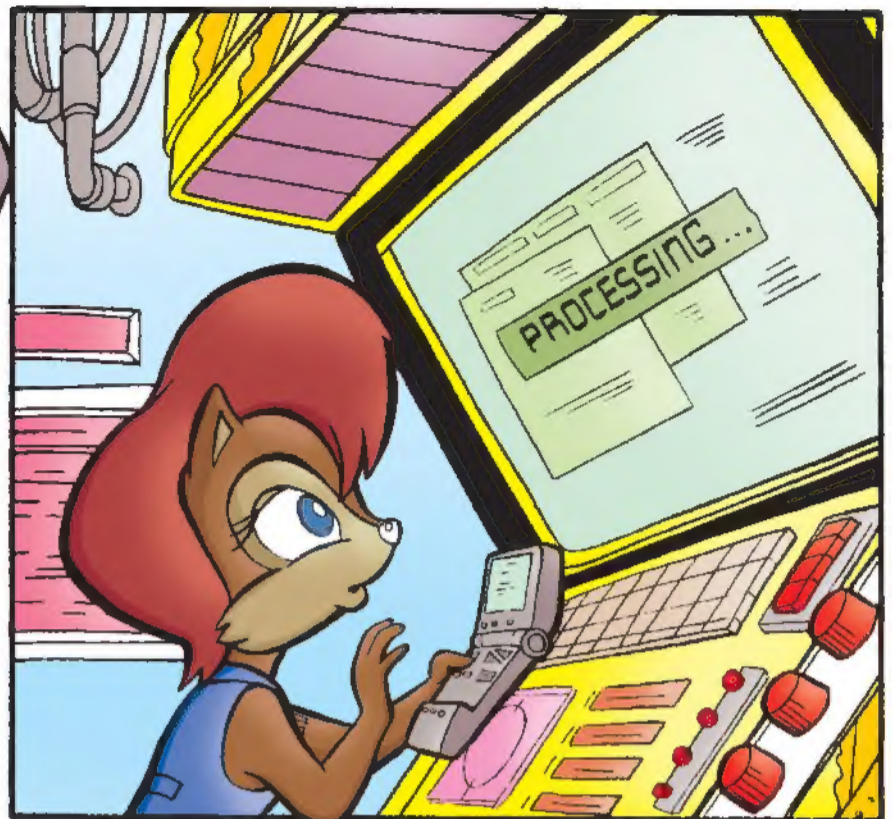
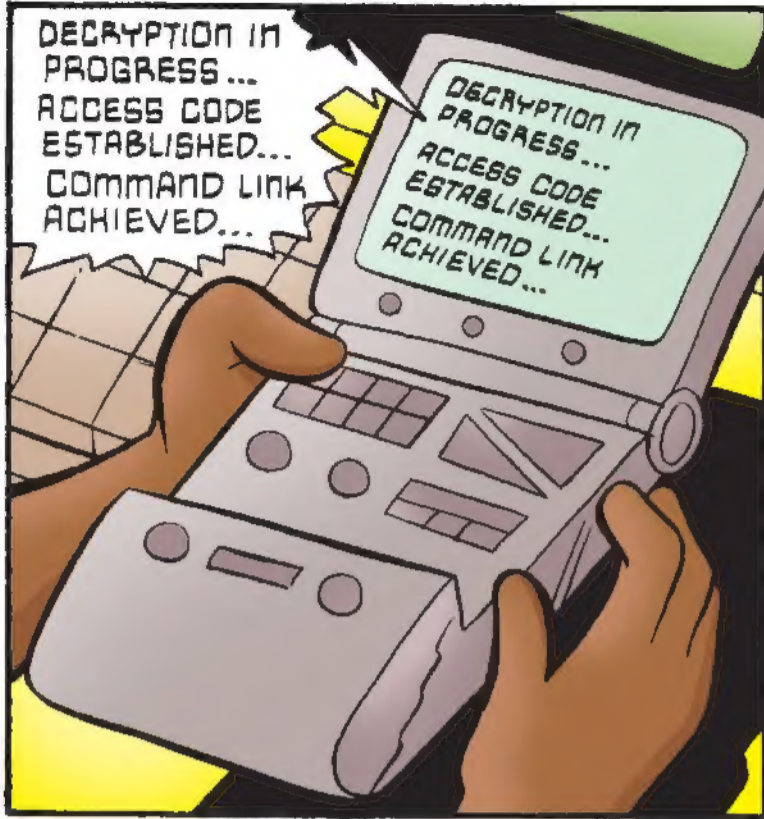


# "DEADLIEST OF THE SPECIES" PROLOGUE

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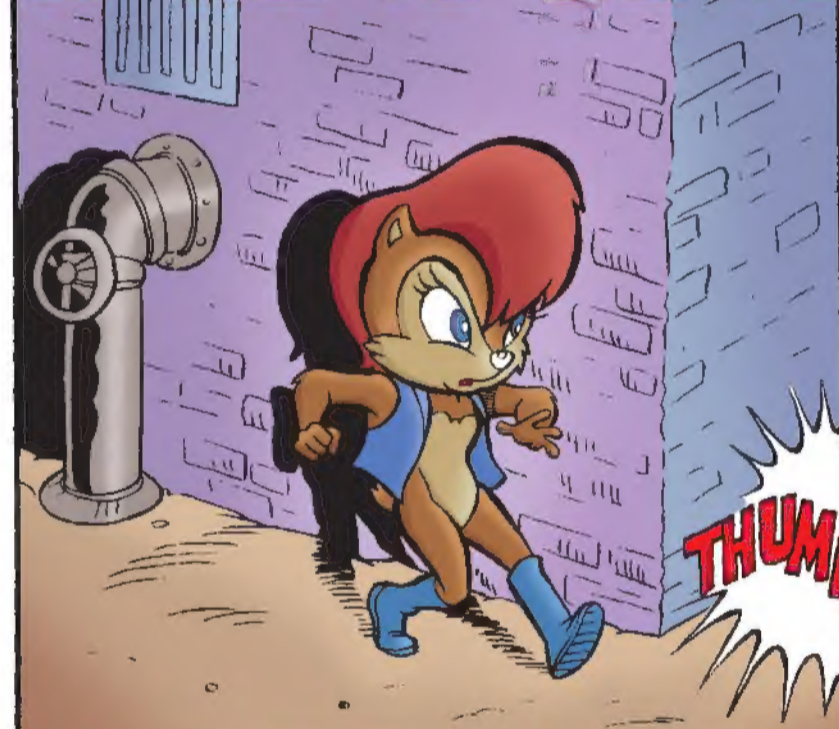




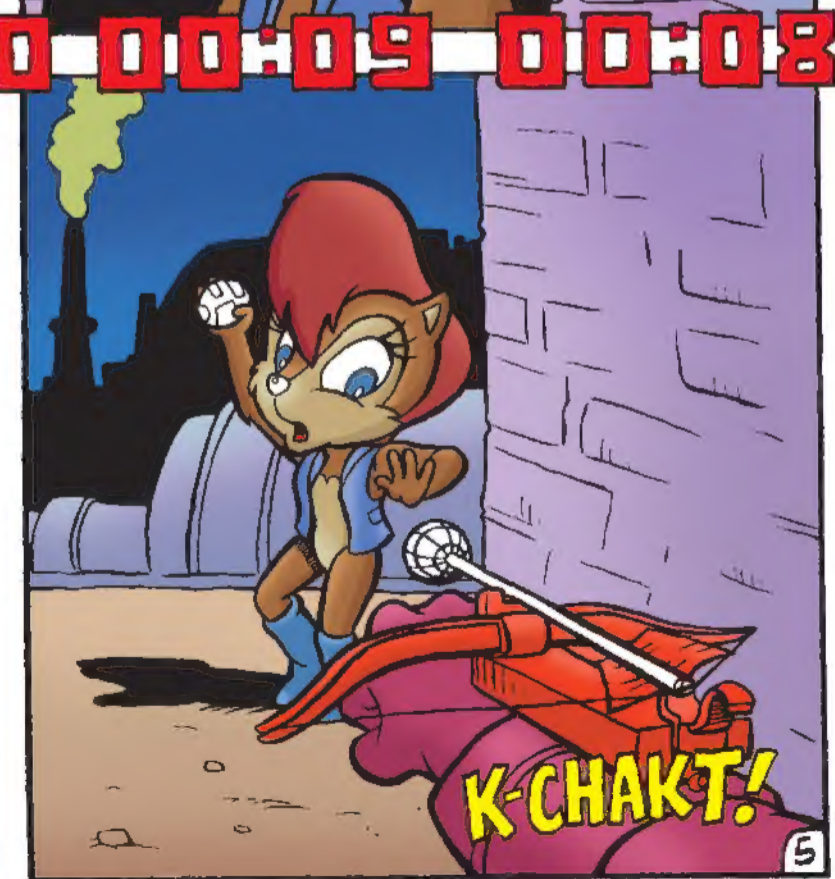
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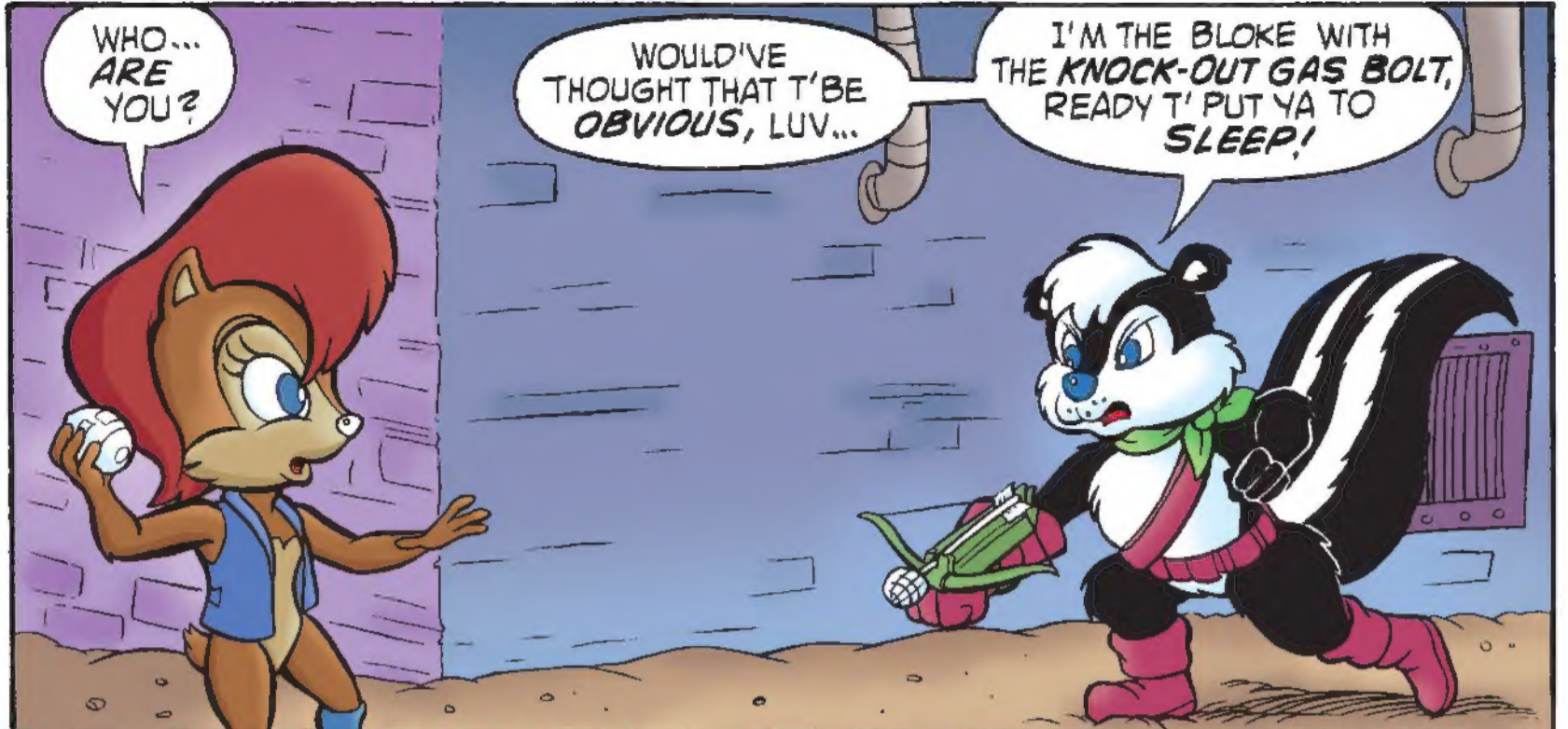


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WHO... ARE YOU?

WOULD'VE THOUGHT THAT T'BE OBVIOUS, LUV...

I'M THE BLOKE WITH THE KNOCK-OUT GAS BOLT, READY T' PUT YA TO SLEEP!

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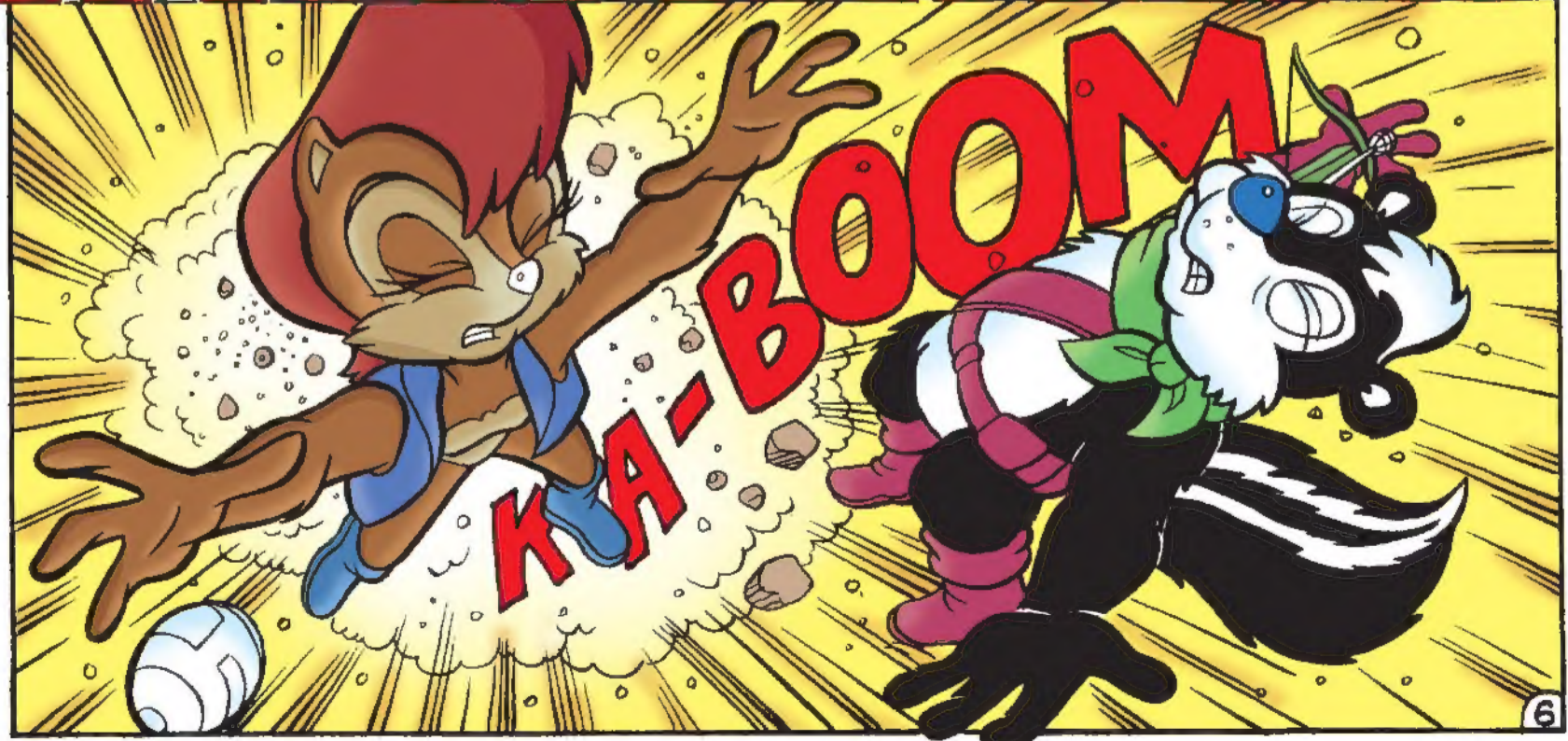
NOW EXPLAIN YA SELF, OR IT'S INTO THE LAND OF DREAMS FOR YA!

LOOK... WHOEVER YOU ARE... WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS!!

EXPLOSION? WHAT EXPLOSION?!

WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE THE EXPLOSION...

00:03 00:02 00:01 00:00

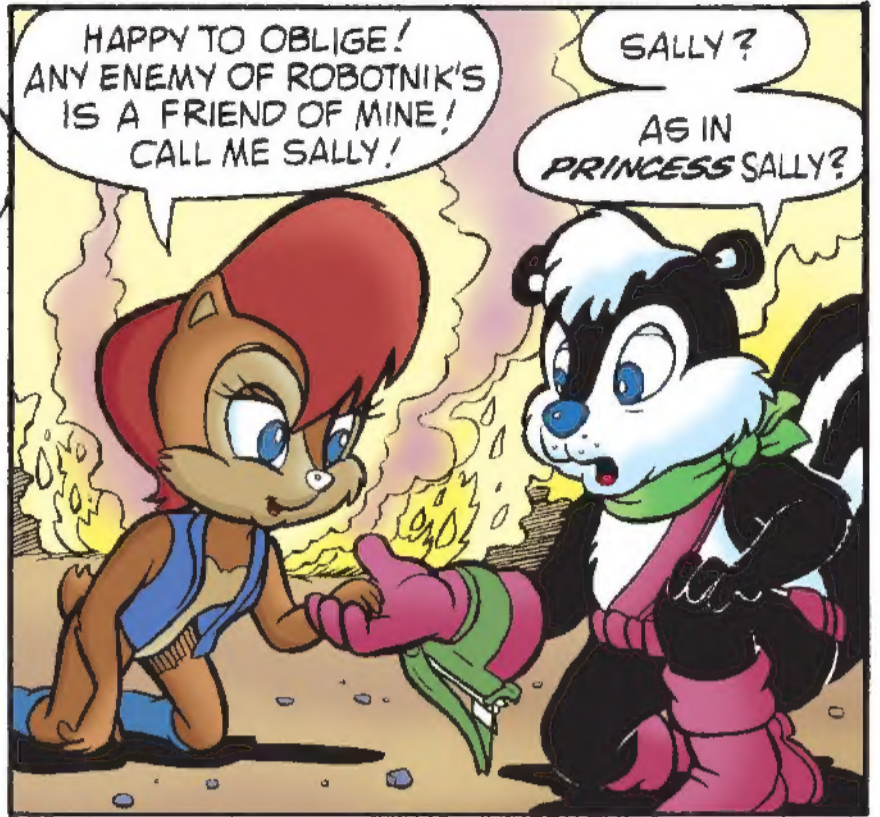


KA-BOOM



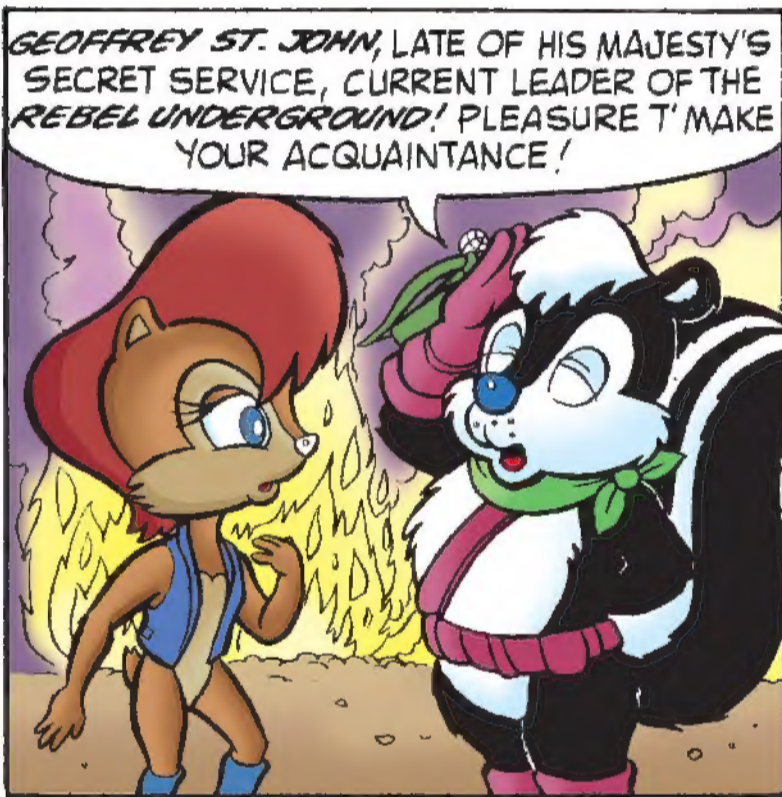
THAT EXPLOSION!

(GROAN!) NICELY DONE, LUV!  
SAVED ME THE TROUBLE OF BLOWIN' THE PLACE TO KINGDOM COME M' SELF!



HAPPY TO OBLIGE!  
ANY ENEMY OF ROBOTNIK'S IS A FRIEND OF MINE!  
CALL ME SALLY!

SALLY?  
AS IN PRINCESS SALLY?



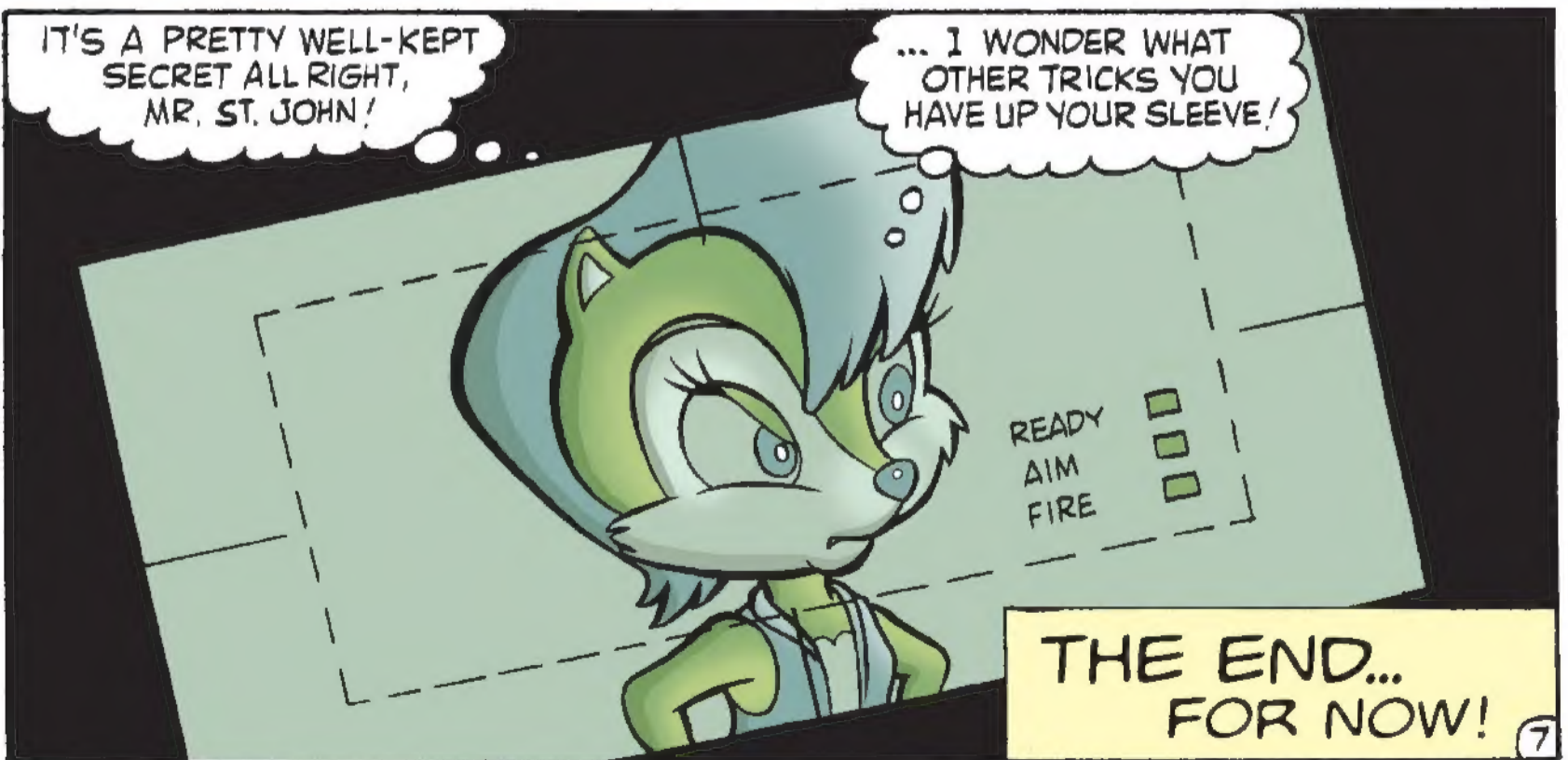
GEOFFREY ST. JOHN, LATE OF HIS MAJESTY'S SECRET SERVICE, CURRENT LEADER OF THE REBEL UNDERGROUND! PLEASURE T' MAKE YOUR ACQUAINTANCE!



REBEL UNDERGROUND? I WASN'T AWARE OF ANY...

WE PRIDE OURSELVES ON MAINTAINING A LOW PROFILE, M' LADY...

ON THE Q-T, SOTO SPEAK!



IT'S A PRETTY WELL-KEPT SECRET ALL RIGHT, MR. ST. JOHN!

... I WONDER WHAT OTHER TRICKS YOU HAVE UP YOUR SLEEVE!

THE END...  
FOR NOW! 7